

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: October 16, 2007
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Police Department
Presentation By: Rob Landon, Deputy Chief of Police

Summary

Subject: PUBLIC HEARING - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATIONS AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2007/2008 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and FY 2007/2008 Federal Justice Assistance Grant allocation and approving expenditure recommendations. Further, authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary.

Fiscal Impact: \$119,380 account 2180-69201 (State Grant Law Enforcement-Equipment) and \$20,742 account 2190-69201 (Federal Grant Law Enforcement-Equipment) – (No City match required)

Background: Each year, dependent upon State and Federal Budget priorities, funds may be allocated to law enforcement agencies to assist in carrying out priorities as established by the Chief of Police (or the Sheriff in unincorporated areas or contract cities). A screening committee consisting of our City Manager, County Administrative Officer, Police Chief, Sheriff and the District Attorney act as a budgetary review panel on the expenditure of these funds as mandated by State Statute. A like group has review responsibilities for the Federal Grant, with the addition of a School District Official (Police Liaison Manager), a representative of a local non-profit agency, (Mrs. Siller – Friday Night Live) and a Superior Court Judge (Robert Damron).

We have been notified by the State Department of Finance, the State Budget will allocate \$119,380 for the Yuba City Police Department. Federal authorities have advised us \$20,752 will be available for the Department with no cash match required in either instance.

Analysis: The Police Department has traditionally utilized funding obtained in these grants for the major approval expenditure category of technology advancements and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of frontline law enforcement delivery to the citizens of our community. Funding directions are based upon needs assessments from the Department management group in consultation with the rank and file employees and direction from the City's IT staff and our Research and Development Unit. Prior years expenditures have been for such items as: Complete infrastructure upgrade of the Police Radio system inclusive of acquisition of a secondary repeater radio frequency and related equipment, Emergency Operations Center retrofit , a total service weapon upgrade for all officers, equipping all patrol vehicles with mobile data terminals integrated with the Police Communications Center, required upgrades in the Fire/Police Computer Aided Dispatching System, installation of secure video conferencing capabilities, acquisition of satellite emergency communications capabilities with the California Office of Emergency Services (California Warning Center) and FEMA, phasing of a back-up Police/Fire Communications Site and bio-toxin testing equipment. We would suggest a continuation along this path of technology evaluation and implementation, which has served us very well over the last 10 years and gained the City both State and National recognition as a technological leader in law enforcement.

Note: The Federal Justice Assistance Grant would be specifically earmarked for the Sutter Buttes Interoperability Project as indicated in an advisory e-mail submitted by me to the Council and local media (June 26, 2007) as required by the federal acceptance process. (Copy of the e-mail is attached).

Fiscal Impact: The City will receive \$119,380 from the State of California under the Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant; additionally, the City will receive \$20,752 from the Federal Government under the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

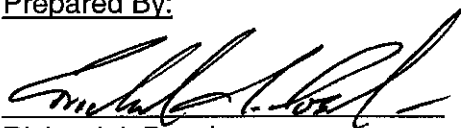
Alternatives: Provide staff with alternative spending paths which will not supplant routine expenditures in the general fund.

Recommendation: By resolution, authorize the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2007-2008 State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant and FY 2007/2008 Federal Justice Assistance Grant Allocation and approve the suggested general expenditure category as listed. Additionally, authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary.

Note:

Public Hearing notification requirements have been met.
\$119,380 account 2180-69201 (State Grant Law Enforcement-Equipment) and \$20,742 account 2190-69201 (Federal Grant Law Enforcement-Equipment) – (No City match required)

Prepared By:



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Chief of Police

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Steven R. Jepsen
City Manager

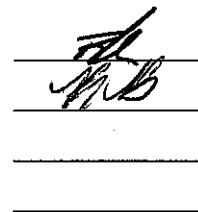
Reviewed By:

Department Head

Finance

City Attorney

Other: (Name, Title)



RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF THE FY 2007-2008 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT (COPS GRANT) AND FEDERAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY AS FOLLOWS:

That the City, through the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief of Police, accept, account for, track, allocate and expend as directed the FY 07/08 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant and the Federal Justice Assistance Grant. It is acknowledged the Citizens' Option funding would be in the amount of \$119,380. The Federal grant would be in the amount of \$20,752. Neither has a cash match requirement.

That said expenditures be in accordance with grant guidelines, specifically in the area of frontline law enforcement uses and related infrastructure/technology improvements as might be deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police consistent with the practice and Council policy of this and previous years.

That purchases be in accordance with State of California and City of Yuba City purchasing guidelines.

That the Chief Financial Officer be given authority to adjust the budget as required for grant purposes.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of October 2007.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, the City Council of the City of Yuba City will hold a public hearing to obtain public comment about projected uses of the FY 07/08 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Funds and the Federal Justice Assistance Grant. The State COPS Grant is \$119,380. The Federal Justice Assistance Grant is in the amount of \$20,752.

A State required Local Oversight Committee is in place as required for both grants. Participants are selected according to State and Federal Law Guidelines. Mandatory reporting guidelines are in place.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE DOES RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS

1. The 07/08 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$119,380 be accepted and tracked in grant account # 2180. The Federal Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,752 be tracked in account 2190.
2. These grants be used for the approved major grant category of technological advancements aiding frontline law enforcement as determined by a department needs assessment and approved by the Chief of Police. (Examples of prior year expenditures under this heading were the complete upgrade of the entire police communication system and the complete redesign and technological upgrades of City's primary Emergency Operations Center).
3. Prior to expenditure, funds will be held in appropriate fund tracking accounts and bear interest as allowed. Purchases will be in accordance with established City purchasing guidelines and policies.

Members of the public who have questions or concerns relative to these grants and/or the projected funding paths are encouraged to contact Police Chief Richard Doscher at (530) 822-4667.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing to express their opinions. Written or verbal statements will be accepted. The City Council Chambers are accessible by wheelchair. If you require auxiliary aids or services (i.e., signing services hearing amplification) to make a presentation to the City Council, the City will be available to assist you. Please contact the City Clerk's office (530-822-4609; TDD 530-822-4732) at least 72 hours in advance so such aids or services can be arranged.

Terrel Lock, City Clerk