

**City of Yuba City
Fire Department
Staff Report**

Date: November 20, 2007
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: William E. Fuller, Administrative Analyst III
Presentation By: Marc Boomgaarden, Fire Chief ^{MB}

Summary

Subject: 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program

Recommendation: Approve a supplemental appropriation to allow the Fire Chief to spend up to \$12,719.00 for the purchase of equipment and training related to hazardous materials response, fire rescue, and communications.

Fiscal Impact: \$12,719.00 in revenue and expenditures from grant funds. The money spent will be offset by a 100% reimbursable grant that has been authorized by the State. Once the equipment is purchased and verified by our Regional Office of Emergency Services (OES) representative, the proper documentation will be forwarded for 100% reimbursement. The reimbursement will be placed into the appropriate revenue accounts when received.

Background:

In an effort for local agencies to be better prepared to deal with weapons of mass destruction, the Federal Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the State of California, has allocated funding to be distributed to all of the counties and local agencies within the State under the 2007 Homeland Security Grant program.

The goal, as in the case of earlier disaster preparedness/homeland security grants, is to provide first responders with the tools to better deal with the threat of terrorist and weapons of mass destruction incidents.

The City Council has previously approved requests from the Fire Department for equipment and training to be purchased from earlier homeland security grant programs.

Analysis:

After careful review by staff members of the Yuba City Fire Department, we have identified equipment purchases, which will provide our community's first responders with the ability to communicate and respond to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents.

The Yuba City Fire Department is requesting authorization to spend up to \$12,719.00 to purchase equipment, including chemical detection monitors, SCBA retrofit kits, portable emergency lighting, and a radio. All of the money spent will be reimbursed to the City through the Domestic Preparedness Grant Program. Funds shall be allocated as follows:

- **\$12,719.00** to Account #2321-62711 for the purchase of HazMat and communications equipment.

Under previous Homeland Security grants, Yuba City Fire Department was allocated funding to send employees to HazMat and emergency rescue training. Under the 07 Homeland Security Grant, the City and County will be consolidating all of its available training funds to provide required ICS 300/ICS 400 courses to key Operational Area emergency personnel. The County of Sutter will coordinate the use of these new training funds on behalf of the entire Operational Area, and the subject training has been tentatively scheduled for late April 2008.

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Alternatives:

Do not approve the supplemental appropriation.

Recommendation:

Yuba City is fortunate to be receiving the opportunity to receive this additional grant money to help enhance the community's level of public safety. Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the supplemental appropriation and allow the Fire Chief to utilize the grant funds for the above-mentioned purposes.


Attachments:

Attachment is a one page list of equipment purchases totaling \$12,719.00

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07 Homeland Security Grant

Yuba City Fire Department Equipment Purchases

ITEM	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	PROJECTED COST
EQUIPMENT			
Portable Radio	\$819.00	1	\$819.00
Detector, Photo-Ionization (PID) Point, Volatile Organic Chemical	\$4,300.00	1	\$4,300.00
Air/Vapor Chemical Sampling Kit	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
CBRN Retrofit Kit for SCBA's	\$875.00	4	\$3,500.00
Lighting, Portable Area Illumination	\$800.00	2	\$1,600.00
Total 06 Homeland Security Grant Related Purchases			\$12,719.00

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