

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

**Date:** December 2, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Fire Department  
**Presentation By:** Marc Boomgaarden, Fire Chief

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**Summary**

**Subject:** 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program

**Recommendation:** Approve a supplemental appropriation to allow the Fire Chief to spend up to \$32,364.00 for the purchase of interoperable portable radios and accessory equipment for use by City emergency workers.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$32,364.00 in revenue and expenditures from grant. 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.

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**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 2008 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 natural disasters, as well as man-made emergencies.

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 enhance our City's first responders' capability to communicate and respond to man-made and natural emergencies.

The Yuba City Fire Department is requesting authorization to spend up to \$32,364.00 to purchase interoperable portable radios and accessory equipment. The radios will be purchased for use by individuals in the Public Works, Utilities and General Services Departments, who are designated as key emergency management or responder roles under the City's Emergency Response Plan. All of the money spent will be reimbursed to the City through the Domestic Preparedness Grant Program. Funds shall be allocated as follows:

- **\$32,364.00** to Account #2321-62711 for the purchase of interoperable portable radios and accessory equipment for use by City emergency workers.

Additionally, under the 08 Homeland Security Grant, City and County fire agencies will be consolidating all of their available training funds to provide needed training for their emergency personnel. The County of Sutter will coordinate the use of these new training funds on behalf of the entire Operational Area.

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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 \$32,364.00.

**Prepared By:**



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**Reviewed By:**

Finance

City Attorney

**Submitted By:**



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Steven R. Jepsen  
City Manager



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# 08 Homeland Security Grant

## Yuba City Fire Department Equipment Purchases

ITEM	PROJECTED COST
Interoperable Portable Radios	\$24,364.00
Portable Radio Batteries	\$5,000.00
Battery Chargers/Conditioners	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,364.00</b>