

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** February 16, 2021

**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council

**From:** Police Department

**Presentation By:** Robert D. Landon, Chief of Police

**Summary**

**Subject:** Accept Grant Funding and Expenditure Recommendations for the California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant of \$100,000

**Recommendation:**

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing and after consideration;
- B. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2020/2021 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and approve expenditure recommendations
- C. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43117 and grant expenditures to 2180-69201

**Fiscal Impact:** \$100,000 (approximate) account 2180-69201 (State Grant Law Enforcement - Equipment). No City match required.

**Purpose:**

To secure additional funding to be used toward the prevention and reduction of crime and violence.

**Background:**

Each year, dependent upon State 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). Over the last several years, monies have been made available through the State of California to local law enforcement entities in the form of Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant.

This year the Yuba City Police Department will receive approximately \$100,000. The State Government Code restricts the money to be used for front line law enforcement purposes and may not be used to supplant any existing law enforcement services provided by the City.

**Analysis:**

The Police Department has traditionally utilized funding obtained in this grant for the major approval expenditure category of technology advancements, critical patrol safety equipment 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 input 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, the Sutter Buttes Radio Interoperability Project Phase One, 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. We would suggest a continuation along this path of technology evaluation and implementation, along with some much-needed patrol staffing equipment upgrades, 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.

The department recommends making the following purchases:

### **Patrol Related Items**

#### **Patrol**

- (30) Glock 17 pistols which will replace the remaining .40 caliber pistols. The current Glock 22 pistols are about 10 years old and due to be replaced. The new pistols are 9mm which is an easier caliber for officers to shoot with. **\$15,000**
- Go bags for each patrol vehicle equipped with basic medical supplies and additional magazines in the event of a mass critical event. **\$3,000**
- 2 Mini drones and training for 2 additional personnel. Drones have been utilized on patrol to help apprehend fleeing suspects safely and can be used during search and rescue operations. **\$3,000**
- Redman instructor suit and 2 student Redman suits. These suits can be utilized during defensive tactics training to prevent injury while enhancing the type of training officers receive. **\$6,500**
- License plate readers. 3 license plate readers and 1 year of service would allow the department to strategically place cameras in high traffic areas to assist in locating vehicles that are stolen or wanted in connection with serious felony crimes. **\$25,000**

#### **Technology**

- A new "throw phone" system for the Hostage Negotiations Team to utilize during critical incidents. The new system is in compliance with CA law and records all audio during negotiations with a suspect. The system has updated cameras which enhances officer safety during these events. **\$28,000**

#### **SWAT**

- 2 sets of night vision optics and accompanying laser optics. This will enhance the ability for officers to operate in no or low light situations. **\$10,000**

- 2 sets of binoculars for SWAT sniper team. The current set being utilized is out of date and in need of replacement. **\$1,500**

**Traffic**

- Purchase of 5 I-phones and hard mount cases for traffic officers. These will be mounted to the motorcycle and give traffic officers the ability to see the CAD (computer aided dispatch) call screen. This will also give them use of a phone to mark body camera videos in the field, saving them time from going through videos at the end of shift. **\$6,700**

**TOTAL: \$98,700**

Any remaining money can be used as a contingency since these are approximate numbers and not based on competitive bids, at this time.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$100,000 account 2180-69201 (State Grant Law Enforcement-Equipment). Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43117 and grant expenditures to 2180-69201.

**Alternatives:**

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

**Recommendation:**

- A. Conduct a public hearing and after consideration;
- B. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2020/2021 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and approve expenditure recommendations
- C. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary.

**Note:** *Public Hearing notification requirements have been met.*

**Attachments:**

- 1. Resolution

Prepared By:

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# ATTACHMENT 1

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY  
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF THE FY 2020-2021  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT (COPS 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 20/21 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant. It is acknowledged the Citizens' Option funding would be in the amount of approximately \$100,000. It is recognized there is no 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 said 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 February 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor

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Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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