

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 11/13/09		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - Acceptance of \$516,044 in Grant Funds from the State Homeland Security Grant Program for Equipment and Upgrade to the Public Safety Radio System and Approval of a Budget Amendment Appropriating Said Funds.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☐
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification:			
Department Approval: Don Pedersen (11/05/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (11/11/09)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (11/9/09)		City Manager Approval: Mark Scott (11/11/09)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council (1) accept and appropriate \$516,044 in grant funds awarded by the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program to be used for the purchase of equipment by the Police and Fire Departments and to upgrade the public safety radio system; and (2) approve a budget amendment appropriating said funds.

A 4/5ths affirmative vote is required to amend the budget.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Culver City has been awarded grant funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the Office of Domestic Preparedness. The grant is administered through the County of Los Angeles. This grant will provide for the complete Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) upgrade to the City's public safety radio system.

Through participation in ICIS, the Police and Fire Departments will be part of a secure and mutual communication system in Los Angeles County that meets federal requirements and ensures a coordinated response to a major incident or small localized incidents requiring assistance from other jurisdictions.

The ability to easily communicate with other agencies in time of an attack or natural disaster is imperative. The new radio system will meet an overarching Homeland Security Grant Program priority. It will strengthen preparedness planning by having regional communication capabilities that enhance emergency

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management in coordination of response, mobilization, protection, recovery and evacuation.

DISCUSSION:

The City has been awarded grant funding from the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program as part of a federal effort to assist local agencies in obtaining equipment needed to effectively respond to a major incident or disaster.

As part of an effort to achieve a truly regional shared radio system and involvement, the City has joined a Joint Powers Authorities (JPA), the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) of Southern California. This will allow the City to have uninterrupted communications with surrounding jurisdictions and provide and receive mutual aid and assistance without communication issues. All agencies in the area will be able to use common mutual aid frequencies in the event of a major incident, eliminating the communication issues that have occurred during major incidents throughout the nation.

As part of the City's participation in ICIS, the City is required to upgrade radios to become Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Narrowband and P-25 technology compliant. The majority of the City's current radios (Motorola MCS 2000 UHF radios) do not meet the FCC technology requirements. The purchase of Motorola XTL 1500, 2500, 5000 and XTS 5000 UHF radios will meet the requirements and allow front line emergency units from Culver City to become part of a county and region wide mutual aid response. The new radios will ensure that all police emergency response vehicles and officers are equipped with FCC narrowband and P-25 compliant radios.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no requirement for matching funds. The grant provides for all costs in acquiring the approved equipment, including the cost of tax and shipping. Maintenance costs are anticipated and are addressed in the City's Motorola service contract and should be minimal. If authorized, funding will be appropriated into account 41442800 – Homeland Security Grant – Police.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

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1. Authorize the City Manager to accept \$516,044 in grant funds for equipment and training costs awarded by the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program; and
2. Approve a Budget Amendment appropriating said funds to account 41442800 – Homeland Security Grants - Police for this program.

(A 4/5ths affirmative vote is required to approve the budget amendment.)