

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: March 19, 2019
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 2018/2019 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.

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 City of Yuba 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 direction from the City's IT staff and our Research and Development Unit. Last year the majority of the funds were utilized for portable pole mounting monitoring cameras (for remote monitoring of areas identified as needing extra surveillance), Ballistic helmets for patrol (to be used during critical events such as an active shooter, new SWAT tactical vests (replaced expiring vests that are not covered by the federal vest replacement program), and some additional patrol equipment. In addition, the department used some grant money to help finance the police parking lot expansion. 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, 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:

Range steel targets and stands- \$2,500

Target stands need to be replaced and new steel shooting targets need to be purchased. This is necessary equipment for firearms training and qualifications.

Compact door rams- \$1,000

These are door rams utilized at the patrol level when emergency entries into residence's need to be made. These will replace the larger rams as space for equipment is needed in the supervisor's vehicle.

Motorcycle modular helmet with Bluetooth communications- \$4,900

These helmets have a higher safety standard than our current helmets and have a full face shield for inclement weather. The Bluetooth communications for the helmets is compatible with the existing equipment.

Gortex motorcycle pants- \$2,800

These pants provide a higher level of protection if officers are involved in a collision as well as more protection for the officers during inclement weather.

40mm Less lethal launchers and locks- \$11,400

The department currently has eight (8) 40mm less lethal launchers, which is the safest and preferred less lethal device. Purchasing nine (9) additional launchers would outfit each patrol car with a less lethal device. In addition fourteen (14) locks are needed to secure them in the patrol vehicles.

9mm Glock handguns- \$6,000

Ten (10) additional handguns in the 9mm caliber would allow some officers to switch from the .40 caliber handgun, if they prefer, for reduced recoil and efficiency in training.

NVG and IR/Illuminator and designator- \$5,000

This would be the purchase of one set of night vision goggles with an illuminator for the SWAT Team. The SWAT team is frequently involved in high risk operations that occur during the night hours. This would give the advantage of safety to SWAT operators working in low light conditions so that they can see suspects and terrain without having to give away their position.

Faro 3D imaging scanner- \$53,000

This 3D scanning equipment can be utilized to cut down on overtime cost associated with major incident scene processing for all units within the department. This scanner can capture the scene of major traffic collisions, major crime scenes, and officer involved shootings, whether indoor or outdoor. The current system utilized is antiquated and cannot be utilized indoors and is not the most accurate for court purposes. The Faro system utilizes a system that measures the actual scene and has been verified to be used in court to give jury's a walkthrough of the scene to see exactly how it looked at the time of the incident. The purchase of the Faro system will allow the department to present a higher quality of work product in court cases as well as minimize time spent processing crime scenes.

Street surveillance cameras- \$11,000

These cameras can attach to any city street light pole in problem areas. Each camera has the ability to capture video of crimes and suspect's fleeing crimes from several views. There is no annual maintenance to these cameras, and the three we have in operation have already proven helpful.

Any remaining money can be carried over to the next year or items that meet the intent of the grant can be purchased by the department if needs arise. These costs are approximate, based on initial quotes and contacts with vendors.

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) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY 2018/2019 California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding and approve expenditure recommendations.
- B) Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary.

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

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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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
2018-2019 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 18/19 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 19th day of March 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Shon Harris, Mayor

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shannon L. Chaffin, City Attorney
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP