

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: November 15, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council;
From: Fire Department
Presentation By: Jesse Alexander, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: Homeland Security Grant

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Sutter/Sutter Operational Area to accept items purchased by Sutter County on behalf of the Yuba City Fire Department, upon review and approval by the City Attorney

B. Authorize the Fire Chief to accept items purchased by Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area under the 2020 & 2021 Homeland Security Grant Award

Fiscal Impact: Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area is purchasing items on behalf of Yuba City Fire Department utilizing Sutter Counties' 2020 & 2021 Homeland Security Grant award. There is no fiscal impact to the City of Yuba City

Purpose:

Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to accept Active Shooter Training/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) equipment awarded to Sutter County Office of Emergency Management under the 2020 & 2021 Homeland Security Grant.

Council's Strategic Goal:

The acceptance of this grant addresses the City Council's Public Safety Strategic Goal by providing firefighter safety and increasing operational effectiveness during Unified Response to Violent Incidents.

Background:

Yuba City Fire Department (YCFD) applied through the Sutter County Operational Area for Active Shooter Training/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) equipment as part of a Homeland Security Grant in FY2020 and FY2021. In 2022, YCFD was notified that we had been awarded the 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Grants. Sutter County Operational Area is the official applicant for the Homeland Security Grant and is thus awarded the ASHER equipment. Yuba City Fire Department needs to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sutter County/ Sutter Operational Area to take the equipment loan. Due to a delay in the equipment purchases, YCFD cannot enter a Memorandum of Agreement with the Sutter County/ Sutter Operational Area at this time; however, we anticipate a completed MOA

soon, pending the City Attorney's approval.

Analysis:

Yuba City Fire Department is an "all-risk" Department that requires our emergency response to multiple types of emergencies. One type of emergency response is Active Shooter situations. In 2013, the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFFJAC), working under Cal OES, tasked its Terrorism Consequence Management (TCM) with developing training and protocols for Unified Response to Violent Incidents (URVI). URVI was developed to incorporate Fire and EMS agencies into the emergency response for Active Shooter situations by establishing Rescue Tasks under force protection from Law Enforcement to provide life-saving medical treatment to victims in areas still deemed hazardous.

URVI protocols require that Fire personnel meet National Fire Protection Agency 3000-Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) recommendations. In an effort to meet URVI protocols, the following grants were applied for, and the amounts awarded:

- FY20 Homeland Security Grant Program ASHER equipment \$7,500.00
- FY21 Homeland Security Grant Program ASHER equipment \$6,500.00
- FY21 Homeland Security Grant Program ASHER equipment \$5,000.00

The following equipment was requested and purchased by Sutter County Operational Area under the Homeland Security Grant to be loaned to Yuba City Fire Department:

- 16 - Ballistic Helmets: \$5,453.73
- 8 - Oregon City Carriers: \$2,339.65
- 9 - Ballistic Panel Sets: \$6,206.62
- 2 - SKED Basic Rescue System: \$1,498.00
- 20 - Tactical Rapid Deploy Kits: \$3,502.00

Yuba City Fire Department is currently developing URVI Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) with the Yuba City Police Department based on the best practices of the CFFJAC. This ASHER equipment will be utilized in the training and deployment of Fire Department personnel in Active Shooter situations when the SOP is finalized.

Fiscal Impact:

Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area is purchasing items on behalf of the Yuba City Fire Department utilizing the Sutter Counties' 2020 & 2021 Homeland Security Grant award. There is no fiscal impact on the City of Yuba City.

Alternatives:

A. Request that Staff has a completed Memorandum of Agreement with Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area before accepting the FY2020 and FY2021 Homeland Security Grant and subsequent equipment.

B. Do not enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area and decline the FY2020 and FY2021 Homeland Security Grants.

Recommendation:

A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Sutter/Sutter Operational Area to accept items purchased by Sutter County on behalf of the Yuba City Fire Department, upon review and approval by the City Attorney.

B. Authorize the Fire Chief to accept items purchased by Sutter County/Sutter Operational Area under the 2020 & 2021 Homeland Security Grant Award.

Attachments:

1. Sutter Co HSG Equipment Transfer Resolution

Prepared By:
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Fire Chief

Submitted By:
Diana Langley
City Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUTTER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT YUBA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER THE 2020 & 2021 HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT AWARDED TO SUTTER COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the Sutter County Office of Emergency Management applied and was awarded funds under the 2020 and 2021 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of Active Shooter Training/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Sutter County Office of Emergency Management will transfer the use of \$19,000 of ASHER equipment to the Yuba City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the equipment shall be maintained, operated and managed by the Yuba City Fire Department at its own expense, maintain an accurate inventory list and allow Sutter County reasonable access to the equipment for regular inventory tracking; and

WHEREAS, the grant equipment may not be transferred or sold to any other agency or party without the written permission from the Sutter County Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept the transfer of equipment and authorize the Fire Chief to accept a Memorandum of Agreement between the Sutter County Office of Emergency Management and the Yuba City Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby accepts the transfer of ASHER equipment. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any contracts or other documents on behalf of Yuba City necessary to effectuate acceptance of the equipment, subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.

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 15th day of November 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dave Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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