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Agenda Item No. I-11

Reviewed By: City Manager

City Attorney

Finance SW

Other (Fire)

DATE: June 14, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Application for COPS Technology Program Grant

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$3,000,000 in U. S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funds to be used for acquisition of police and fire Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management and Mobile Data Computer (CAD/RMS/MDC) systems.

DISCUSSION

Since 1999, the Police and Fire departments have been using a CAD/RMS system that has been difficult to use in terms of storage, retrieval, retention of information and overall operability. The workflow in the RMS is cumbersome and the retrieval of information is very slow. The CAD system is highly proprietary, making regional data sharing and interoperability difficult. The CAD/RMS systems are running on old hardware. The operating system and data base versions are no longer supported by the vendors. While the Police Department has been able to install computers in its patrol cars, the Fire Department has no mobile data capability in any of its vehicles.

The FY2006/2007 Adopted Budget included an appropriation of \$650,000 towards upgrading our current system. Over the last year, staff has researched various options and has concluded that there is no solution available at that funding level that will serve the needs of the Police and Fire departments.

The purpose of the COPS Technology Program is to enhance interoperability among public safety first responders. The City has recently been afforded the opportunity to apply for this federal grant that will provide funds to assist with the sharing and exchange of information on a multi-jurisdiction level, to include other law enforcement agencies as well as non-law enforcement agencies. The resulting capability of information sharing across jurisdictions will increase the ability of agencies to work together to enhance crime fighting and increase public safety.

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This grant opportunity will provide up to 75% of the funds needed to replace the current CAD/RMS system with a fully integrated CAD/RMS/MDC system shared by the Police and Fire Departments as well as the Port Hueneme Police Department. With no natural boundaries separating Oxnard and Port Hueneme, the cities' boundaries are often hard to distinguish, and criminal activity routinely involves both jurisdictions. Effective law enforcement requires timely communication and data sharing. Sharing common hardware and software platforms will provide for more effective and efficient emergency response handling by better coordinating, communicating, and sharing of vital information amongst multiple partners.

First responder agencies at all levels are using technology to manage their resources more effectively and efficiently. Automated information sharing is a critical component of effective public safety services. Locally, automated information is critical in streamlining dispatch and deployment systems, identifying suspects and solving crimes, and provides the ability to implement proactive efforts to reduce crime. Facilitating the interoperability of data sharing between our two cities will increase public safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

While approval of this recommendation has no financial impact, the grant requires a 25% local match of total project funds. For example, a grant award of \$3,000,000 will require a local match of \$1,000,000 for a project total of \$4,000,000. The Police Department has requested funding for CAD/RMS replacement in the FY 2007-08 budget, which could be used as match funding if the grant application is successful. Also, some of the \$650,000 appropriated in FY 2006-07 (301-2023-826-8606 #072101) could be used for the required match. If the application is successful, staff will return to Council for acceptance of the grant award and appropriation of grant funds.

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Attachment #1 - Resolution Approving Submittal of Grant Application

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 12,053 sets out the procedure by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$3,000,000 in COPS Technology Program grant funds, to be used for acquisition of police and fire Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management and Mobile Data Computer (CAD/RMS/MDC) systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to approve the submittal of a grant application by the City Manager for acquisition of police and fire Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management and Mobile Data Computer (CAD/RMS/MDC) systems. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements; the Finance Director or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Chief of Police or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

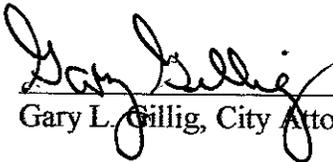
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

 06-19-07

Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney

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