

MEMORANDUM

Office of Dennis Graham, Chief of Police



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To: Tom Williams, City Manager
From: Dennis Graham, Chief of Police
Subject: Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS FY 2009)
Date: December 15, 2008

The City of Milpitas anticipates receiving COPS funds from the state pursuant to Government Code 30061, in the amount of \$110,689. These funds must be used to support front line law enforcement services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding for front line law enforcement services. No city matching funds are required.

These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the city. The request shall specify the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel, equipment and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

After convening a public hearing before the City Council, the funding will be evaluated by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) as required by law.

Below are recommended expenditures for COPS grant monies for fiscal year 2009, including tax and shipping, as applicable:

1. Digital Recording Technology	\$24,000
2. Tasers w/cameras	\$23,000
3. Parent Project	\$8,000
4. Community Relations Supplies	\$4,500
5. Patrol Rifles	\$12,000
6. Range Improvements	\$5,000
7. Less Lethal Sage Gun	\$2,300
8. Data Collection Device	\$7,800
9. Technology Upgrade for Field Use	\$12,400
10. K9 Training Bite Suit	\$4,689
11. <u>Records Archive Storage Unit</u>	\$7,000
TOTAL:	\$110,689

Further specifics on these spending areas are as follows:

Digital Recording Technology. This is proven technology that is currently being used in the investigations unit to capture and record (audio and video) interviews as required by the District Attorney's office. The additional equipment would allow audio and video recording for the remaining interview rooms at the police department and the Great Mall of the Bay Area substation, allowing officers the flexibility to conduct interviews at multiple locations, instead of being restricted to using investigation interview rooms, which are the only interviews rooms equipped with digital recording capabilities.

\$24,000

Tasers w/cameras. Officers currently share Tasers, limiting care and maintenance accountability. Eighteen additional Tasers (@ \$1,200 each, including camera) will enable most officers to have individually issued Tasers, allowing for better accountability and tracking of malfunctions and repairs.

\$23,000

Parent Project. Parent Project is a program with proven results offered by the police department for parents dealing with challenging teens. The funding would provide for course materials, light snacks for the attendees, and for the overtime salaries of two officers to facilitate the 12-week program.

\$8,000

Community Relations Supplies. The Police Community Relations Unit provides on-going Neighborhood Watch meetings and complementary child identification fingerprinting to children. The purchase of additional Neighborhood Watch informational booklets, to include the Neighborhood Watch Emergency Preparedness Handbook and other presentation supplies, would update the current inventory and provide neighborhoods a variety of materials to start and/or sustain a Neighborhood Watch program (\$3,900). The purchase of (2) printers would allow replacement of the slow ink jet printers that are currently being used and are not able to efficiently handle the volume of child identification fingerprinting. The two new printers will allow volunteers to more quickly process each child at various events throughout the city.

\$4,500

Patrol Rifles. The purchase of (5) additional AR-15 rifles to continue our ongoing process of issuing rifles to individual officers to allow for personalized sight alignment, and better performance, accountability, and inventory and maintenance management to address malfunctions and repairs.

\$12,000

Range Improvements. These improvements would include an upgraded, less-lethal target system for use in training with the sage gun. The current system is homemade and cumbersome to manage, requiring officers to spend extra time setting up and tearing down during qualifications. This would allow for an efficient qualification process and reuse of the projectiles.

\$5,000

Less Lethal Sage Gun. The purchase of an additional sage gun would allow further deployment of less lethal devices to bring the total number of sage guns in the police department to (3). This purchase would replace one of the sage guns that is damaged and irreparable.

\$2,300

Data Collection Device. This technology enables accurate measurements and efficient diagramming of fatal and injury accidents and major crime scenes, and accurate recording of evidence and other crime scene data to be used in conjunction with the Crashzone diagramming system to produce computer generated crime scene diagrams and accident scene documentation.

\$7,800

Technology Upgrade for Field Use. The **Cell Phone/PDA Data Extraction Device** is a handheld device that extracts valuable evidentiary data from legally seized cell phones and PDAs. It downloads pictures, text messages, deleted messages, call history, contacts, audio and video recordings (\$4,500). The **Thermal Imaging Camera** is a camera mounted on the spotlight that can detect heat, which would aid officers searching for suspects, and/or recently abandoned stolen vehicles in total darkness (\$3,200). The **Mobile Fingerprint Scanner** is a small, handheld device that would allow for immediate confirmation of identity in the field within minutes, saving valuable time in transporting individuals to the station to confirm identity (\$1,200). The **Mobile Security System** would be an upgrade to our current VARDA alarm system and could be used in investigations throughout the city including chronic burglaries, vandalisms and copper wire thefts. (\$3,500).

\$12,400

K9 Training Bite Suit. This purchase would replace the old suits that have deteriorated over time due to constant use during training. The purchase of (2) bite suits would outfit two canine officers with individual-issued suits.

\$4,689

Records Archive Storage. The current system configuration for storing backup archives is reaching capacity. This improved system would allow for easy assess and retrieval of archived back-up data as well as an increased capacity, allowing us to more efficiently respond to Public Records Act requests.

\$7,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Allocate 2009 COPS funds for the above program areas.

Budget # _____

Refer # _____

City of Milpitas, California

BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Type of Change	From		To	
	Account	Amount	Account	Amount
Check one:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Appropriation	261 -3567	\$110,689	261-711-4873	\$ 7,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer			261-714-4223	12,500
			261-721-4223	4,689
			261-721-4921	42,300
			261-721-4873	7,800
			261-724-4873	24,000
			261-724-4921	12,400

Explain the reason for the budget change:

The California State Legislature awarded \$110,689 to the City of Milpitas through the Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant, Government Code sections 30061-30065. No City matching funds are required.

The Milpitas Police Department recommends the following list of frontline municipal police services, or equivalent, to be purchased with the COPS grant monies for fiscal year 2009: Digital Recording Technology; Tasers w/cameras; Parent Project; Community Relations Supplies; Patrol Rifles; Range Improvements; Less Lethal Sage Gun; Data Collection Device; Technology Upgrade for Field Use; K9 Training Bite Suit; and Records Archive Storage Unit.

Approve appropriation in the amount of \$110,689 into the police department's operating budget.

Check if City Council Approval required.

Meeting Date: January 06, 2009

Itemization of funds, if needed:			Amount
Requested by:	Division Head:	Date:	
	Department Head: <i>Deann D. Hill</i>	Date: 12-19-08	
Reviewed by:	Finance Director: <i>W. C. Paul</i>	Date: 12/19/08	
Approved by:	City Manager:	Date:	
Date approved by City Council, if required:		Confirmed by:	