

MEMORANDUM

Office of Dennis Graham, Chief of Police



To: Tom Williams, City Manager
From: Dennis Graham, Chief of Police, *D. G.*
Subject: Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS FY 2010)
Date: December 21, 2009

The City of Milpitas anticipates receiving COPS funds from the state pursuant to Government Code 30061, in the amount of \$109,707. 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 2010, including tax and shipping, as applicable:

1. Equipment to Support Use of New Pistols	\$26,000
2. Uniforms and Supplies for Volunteers	\$3,000
3. Parent Project	\$9,000
4. License Plate Reader System	\$35,000
5. Crime and Accident Scene Software Training	\$3,500
6. Digital Cameras for Officers' Use	\$8,000
7. Multi-Chargers for Charging Radio Batteries	\$2,000
8. Window Tint Meters	\$1,000
9. Collapsible Traffic Cones	\$3,307
10. SWAT and Tactical Team Equipment	\$4,500
11. Patrol Rifles	\$14,400
TOTAL:	\$109,707

Further specifics on these spending areas are as follows:

Equipment to Support Use of New Pistols. We currently have a pistol replacement project where Smith & Wesson has offered to exchange our current SW99 duty pistols for new SW M&P duty pistols. Officers have been using the SW99 pistols since June of 2000, but Smith and Wesson will no longer manufacture or support the SW99 for law enforcement uses. Certain parts of the pistol are not withstanding the rigors of law enforcement use and require more frequent replacement. Parts are becoming increasingly difficult to acquire. The M&P pistol is more durable as it was specifically designed for military and police use. The specified amount will cover costs for duty holsters, concealable holsters, magazine pouches, light attachments compatible with the new pistol, and plastic training guns.

\$26,000

Uniforms and Supplies for Volunteers. The Police Community Relations Unit oversees our volunteer program, which includes Citizen Volunteers and Police Explorers. Members of these groups are required to wear uniforms at their personal expense. Some of our volunteers are on fixed or limited incomes, and others are youths who are full-time students. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of uniforms for the members of these two groups, as well as the necessary supplies for volunteers to continue offering complementary child identification fingerprinting to children.

\$3,000

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.

\$9,000

License Plate Reader. The Police Department currently has four vehicle-mounted LPR systems. The LPR systems use technology to have cameras read license plates and automatically conduct computer checks to determine if the license plate is associated to a stolen vehicle, a wanted vehicle, or other vehicle of special interest. Officers can also manually enter license plate numbers of vehicles under current investigation that do not meet the requirements for entry into the state and national databases for wanted vehicles. In the approximate three years that the Police Department has used the LPR systems, we have recovered about seventy (70) wanted vehicles, including the recovery of a vehicle that lead to the arrest of a homicide suspect. The addition of another LPR system would enable more officers to use the technology. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of one LPR, a new server for the data storage, and a sequel license (required software).

\$35,000

Crime and Accident Scene Software Training. The Traffic Safety Unit officers and Field Evidence Technicians are becoming more proficient with the digital mapping equipment purchased with the COPS 2009 grant. The data collection is an important primary function, and the use of our existing CrashZone software to transfer the data into diagrams that can withstand the scrutiny of any judicial proceeding is vital. These diagrams save officers a tremendous amount of time as compared to drawing them by hand. And, they offer a wider array of methods to view the diagrams, including in three dimensions and from different vantage points. The specified amount will permit for the training of select Traffic Officers and Field Evidence Technician Officers with the CrashZone hardware and software.

\$3,500

Digital Cameras for Officers' Use. Officers in Patrol currently share a pool of about six (6) digital cameras. Because of overlapping shifts, there are not always cameras available during an officer's shift. The existing digital cameras are reaching the end of their useful life expectancy. Rather than purchasing additional pool digital cameras, it would be beneficial to assign a digital camera to each patrol vehicle so that the digital cameras are always available in the field. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of 28 cameras, SD memory cards, rechargeable AA batteries and durable cases.

\$8,000

Multi-Chargers for Charging Radio Batteries. Officers currently utilize multi-chargers in the Squad Room to charge their radio batteries. The multi-chargers can charge six (6) batteries simultaneously. Two (2) additional multi-chargers would increase the capacity available for officers and would allow us to move at least one multi-charger into another work area of the Police Department.

\$2,000

Window Tint Meters. The use of a window tint meter by Police Department officers has proven to be an effective method to quantify the material applied onto windows in violation of current laws. Having a window tint meter available in every motorcycle and sedan assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit would better ensure the devices are available to all officers in the field. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of 10 window tint meters.

\$1,000

Collapsible Traffic Cones. The Police Department has experimented with collapsible traffic cones in our patrol vehicles in order to save trunk room since the traditional traffic cones consumed so much space in the trunks and inhibited officers from quickly accessing certain other equipment in the trunks. The collapsible traffic cones met the approval of our City Traffic Engineer and have reflective bands. The experiment has been successful. It would be beneficial to equip all twenty-eight (28) marked vehicles with the collapsible traffic cones. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of 127 collapsible traffic cones.

\$3,307

SWAT and Tactical Team Equipment. Chemical Agents (tear gas) are a necessary tool to have available for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers as well as Tactical Team officers. The SWAT Team is trained and available to mitigate critical incidents such as those involving armed suspects and hostages. The Tactical Team is trained and available to address situations involving potential riots and demonstrations. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of chemical agents and distraction devices for use by the Police Department's SWAT and Tactical Teams.

\$4,500

Patrol Rifles. The purchase of (6) 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.

\$14,400

RECOMMENDATION:

Allocate 2010 COPS funds for the above program areas.

City of Milpitas, California

BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Type of Change	From		To	
	Account	Amount	Account	Amount
Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer	261-3567	\$ 109,707	261-714- 4224 \$12,000 261-722- 4503 3,500 261-721- 4873 35,000 261-721- 4921 54,900 261- 722-4921 4,307	

Explain the reason for the budget change:

Background: The California State Legislature awarded \$109,707 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 2010.

- Equipment to Support use of New Pistols;
- Uniforms and Supplies for Volunteers;
- Parent Project;
- License Plate Reader;
- Crime Scene and Accident Reconstruction Software Training;
- Digital Cameras for Officers' Use;
- Multi-Chargers for Charging Radio Batteries;
- Window Tint Meters;
- Collapsible Traffic Cones;
- SWAT and Tactical Team Equipment; and
- Patrol Rifles.

Recommendation:

1. Open public hearing, and after hearing public comment, close the hearing
2. Accept 2010 Citizen Options for Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$109,707.
3. Approve appropriation in the amount of \$109,707 into the police department's operating budget.

Check if City Council Approval required. Meeting Date: January 5, 2010

Itemization of funds, if needed:			Amount
Requested by:	Division Head:	Date:	
	Department Head: <i>Don Z. Smith</i>	Date: 12-21-09	
Reviewed by:	Finance Director: <i>Eric Kane</i>	Date: 12/21/09	
Approved by:	City Manager:	Date:	
Date approved by City Council, if required:		Confirmed by:	