



MEMORANDUM

Office of Dennis Graham, Chief of Police

To: Tom Williams, City Manager

From: Dennis Graham, Chief of Police *D. G.*

Subject: Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS FY 2012)

Date: December 21, 2011

The City of Milpitas anticipates receiving COPS funds from the state pursuant to Government Code 30061, in the amount of \$128,048. These funds must be used to support front line law enforcement services and must supplement, 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.

We recommend that the COPS FY2012 grant funds be used to finance the following:

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| 1. Portable Radios and Radio Supplies for Officers | \$36,000 |
| 2. Critical Incident Response Equipment | \$40,700 |
| 3. Portable Solar Message Trailer | \$15,000 |
| 4. Surveillance Equipment | \$7,000 |
| 5. Tire Deflation Devices | \$9,000 |
| 6. LED Lights for Motorcycles | \$2,000 |
| 7. Evidence Storage Container | \$4,000 |
| 8. Video / Audio Recorders and Recording Software | \$14,348 |

Portable Radios for Officers. Portable radios provide officers with a direct means of communication when they are outside of their police vehicles. At the push of a button officers are in contact with the 9-1-1 Communications Center, other Milpitas officers, officers from nearby jurisdictions should the need arise, or all of the aforementioned simultaneously. The City Council has previously approved radio purchases through the COPS 2011 grant and the 2011 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The additional funding will assist us in replacing additional portable radios used by officers, many of which are requiring costly repairs, and fund the purchase of supporting equipment. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of approximately 32 radios (\$36,000).

Critical Incident Response Equipment. The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and Crisis Negotiators are trained to mitigate critical incidents. The SWAT team is trained to deploy distraction devices and less than lethal munitions during volatile incidents to minimize injury to themselves and others. The purchase of additional distraction devices and less than lethal munitions will replenish the Police Department's inventory (\$7,000).

It is vital that SWAT officers are able to communicate with each other, their Incident Commander, and Tactical Dispatcher(s). Tactical headsets that provide clear communication and provide hearing protection will enable SWAT officers to fulfill their objectives with clear direction and improve the safety of our officers and others involved in a critical incident (\$14,200).

Crisis negotiators are tasked with communicating with suspects, and potentially victims, during unstable and life-threatening barricaded or hostage events. SWAT officers, in a barricaded situation, will often deploy a tactical phone that enables Crisis Negotiators to communicate with a suspect or victim. A tactical phone provides reliable and uninterrupted means of communication and intelligence gathering. The Police Department's existing equipment is out-dated and unreliable. The specified amount will fund the purchase of a new tactical phone and supporting equipment (\$19,500).

Portable Solar Message Trailer. The Police Department strategically deploys message trailers on a daily basis. The electronic messages inform the public of crime trends, safety tips, special events, and traffic advisories. The message trailers have been a valuable tool in creating public awareness. The specified amount will allow the Police Department to purchase one portable solar message trailer (\$15,000).

Surveillance Equipment. The Police Department currently deploys surveillance and tracking equipment. Due to changes in technology, our current tracking equipment may not be supported within the next two to three years. The existing surveillance and tracking technology is much more advanced and is moving to a web-based platform. The purchase of additional equipment will enhance the Police Department's ability to investigate criminal activity (\$7,000).

Tire Deflation Devices. Tire deflation devices are constructed to the specific needs of law enforcement in stopping a moving vehicle or preventing movement from a stationary vehicle. The deployment of tire deflation devices increases public safety and can reduce third-party claims associated to police pursuits. The specified amount will equip additional marked police vehicles (\$9,000).

LED Lights for Motorcycles. The Police Department has six traffic officers assigned to riding motorcycles. These six officers respond to in-progress emergencies and other calls for service. Motorcycle officers are not highly visible and the addition of emergency lighting will increase visibility when responding to emergencies (\$2,000).

Evidence Storage Container. Proper evidence processing and storage is a critical component of criminal prosecution and the improper processing of evidence can generate mold and fungi that will have a negative impact on ones' health and the work environment. The property storage area does not currently have sufficient air quality flow or filtering to dry large items containing biological evidence and the storage processing area does not have sufficient air quality flow to process and dry large sums of drugs. The specified amount will be used to purchase an evidence storage container that will be stored on the exterior of the Police Department where evidence can be better stored with minimal to no impact on working conditions (\$4,000).

Video / Audio Recorders and Recording Software. The FY 2010-2011 ABAG PLAN grant funds were used, in part, to purchase wearable video/audio recorders for patrol officers to deploy for field use. The Police Department wishes to purchase additional wearable video/audio recorders in order to supply all officers assigned to the Field Services Division. The use of wearable digital recorders will benefit criminal investigations and provide data for review in cases of citizen complaints or claims against the City.

The software purchase will allow Police Department detectives to record phone conversations tied to criminal investigations and electronically store the data on a City server. The specified amount will increase the number of wearable cameras and provide funding for phone conversation recordings (\$14,348).

City of Milpitas, California

BUDGET CHANGE FORM

| Type of Change | From | | To | |
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| | Account | Amount | Account | Amount |
| Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer | 261-3567 | \$128,048 | 261-711-4921 \$4,000 261-721-4921 97,573 261-722-4921 17,000 261-724-4921 9,475 | |

Explain the reason for the budget change:

Background: The California State Legislature awarded \$128,048 to the City of Milpitas through the Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant, Government Code § 30061-30065. No City matching funds are required.

Government Code § 30061 requires a public hearing regarding the expenditure of this grant. Government Code § 30062 specifies that these funds must be used exclusively for front line law enforcement services and must supplement, not supplant, existing funding for front line law enforcement services. These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a written request from the Chief of Police for the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the city. The request shall indicate the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel and equipment that are necessary to meet those needs.

The Milpitas Police Department recommends the following list of frontline municipal police services, or equivalent, to be purchased with COPS grant funds for fiscal year 2012.

1. Portable Radios and Radio Supplies for Officers
2. Critical Incident Response Equipment
3. Portable Solar Message Trailer
4. Surveillance Equipment
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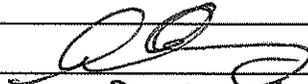
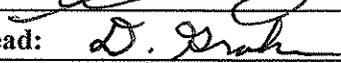
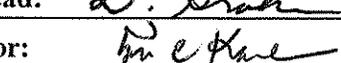
Fiscal Impact: None. The COPS 2012 grant of \$128,048 will fully cover the cost for the frontline services listed above.

Recommendations:

1. Open public hearing and, after hearing public comment, close the hearing.
2. Accept the 2012 Citizen Options for Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$128,048.
3. Approve the appropriation in the amount of \$128,048 into the Police Department's operating budget.

Check if City Council Approval required.

Meeting Date: January 17, 2012

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| Requested by: | Division Head:  | Date: 1/6/12 |
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| Reviewed by: | Finance Director:  | Date: 1/6/12 |
| Approved by: | City Manager: | Date: |

Date approved by City Council, if required:

Confirmed by: