

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: ALLOCATION OF FY 2008-09
SLESF FUNDS

From: Joseph M. Polisar
Dept: Police
Date: August 26, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To fulfill the Public Hearing requirement for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF), and gain City Council approval for the use of the City's FY 2008-09 allocation of approximately \$298,000 in SLESF funding allocated by the State.

BACKGROUND

SLESF funding for local government is currently included in the Governor's proposed State of California FY 2008-09 Budget. This allocation assists local agencies by providing additional resources for law enforcement programs or capital items, and is not intended to supplant current funding. Last year, City Council approved SLESF funds for the purchase of the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

DISCUSSION

For FY 2008-09, the Police Department is asking City Council to approve approximately \$298,000 in SLESF funding for the purchase of an automated report writing system (ARWS). An ARWS, including document scanning, storage and retrieval, would greatly enhance and provide greater customer service to the public. The system would provide electronic reporting for patrol, detectives and front desk personnel. It would also enable scanning of non-automated documents, as well as digital storage and retrieval of all documents, and the ability to disseminate documents electronically. The ARWS will reduce report completion time, improve reporting accuracy, and reduce the number of personnel required to process reports. More significantly, the system would reduce by 20 percent the amount of time required by police officers to complete reports, creating additional time to spend providing direct law enforcement services to the community.

The Department is currently in the preliminary stages of researching and contacting vendors for this project, and the City Council at a future date will have the opportunity to formally approve the contract. Council action for this item merely approves the funding mechanism for the proposed purchase.

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COMMUNITY VISION

The Police Department has traditionally taken great pride in having state-of-the-art equipment. The purchase of the ARWS meets the Council's vision for the community because it will enhance public safety by creating additional time officers can spend providing direct law enforcement services to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

SLESF funds are specifically for law enforcement purposes only, and their use will have no negative impact on the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- After considering public testimony, allocate \$298,000 in SLESF funds for the future purchase of equipment for the Police Department's ARWS system.



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Approved for Agenda Listing



Matthew Ferial
City Manager