

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Police
Subject:	ALLOCATION OF FY 2009-10 SLESF FUNDS	Date:	September 8, 2009

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 2009-10 allocation of approximately \$165,000 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 2009-10 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 Automated Report Writing System (ARWS). However, due to the catastrophic economic downturn, the funds estimated to be received from the State were cut nearly in half, causing the Department to cease going any further with the project in FY 08-09.

DISCUSSION

For FY 2009-10, the Police Department is asking the City Council to approve approximately \$165,000 in SLESF funding to fund two projects: the completion of the purchase of an automated report writing system (ARWS), and upgrades to the patrol vehicle in-car video systems.

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. Most 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 Police Department also proposes to use SLESF funds to upgrade the in-car video system (IVS) in each patrol vehicle. The current system utilizes "vaults" kept in the trunk of each vehicle. The 24/7 use and normal wear and tear caused by being in the trunk of a patrol unit necessitates that each vehicle be transitioned to a wireless system. The

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wireless system does away with the vault hardware and replaces it with wireless sync capabilities. There is no hardware in the vehicle to get damaged, and this eliminates the need to continually replace damaged equipment.

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

A portion of these SLESF funds will be used in conjunction with funds from the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to complete the purchase of the ARWS. City Council approved SLESF funds in FY 08-09 for this project, however, due to the catastrophic economic downturn, the funds estimated to be received from the State were cut nearly in half, causing the Department to cease going any further with the project in FY 08-09.

COMMUNITY VISION

The Police Department has traditionally taken great pride in having state-of-the-art equipment. The purchase of the ARWS meets the City 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. Upgrading the IVS meets the City Council's vision for the community by saving money on repairs and providing a more reliable system.

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.

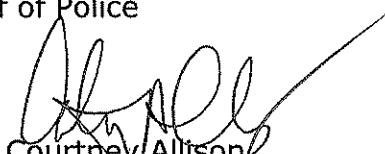
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- After considering public testimony, allocate \$165,000 in SLESF funds for the future purchase of equipment for the Police Department's ARWS system and upgrades to the IVS.

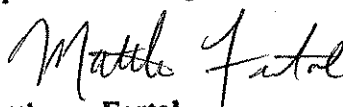


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