

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal

From: Joseph Polisar

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Police

Subject: PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (PSIC)

Date: March 10, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To seek City Council approval to participate in the County's Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant as a sub-recipient.

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove is a member of the Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS), which provides Garden Grove employees radio communication interoperability with coworkers and other cities within the County. The majority of the Police Department's portable radios were purchased in 2003. The County Of Orange has begun planning a re-banding project that will necessitate the phasing out of the older models of portable radios currently in use. In order to make this transition easier for cities participating in the CCCS, the County applied for and was awarded the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant. This grant allows participating agencies to purchase updated radios for a fraction of the normal cost.

DISCUSSION

The County's re-banding project is slated to take place incrementally over the next several years. The project entails a complete realignment of all of the 800 MHz frequencies in order to mitigate cellular telephone interference to public safety communications. As part of this realignment, every radio currently in use by the City of Garden Grove will be reprogrammed to accommodate the change. Unfortunately after being reprogrammed the older model radios will have limited functionality necessitating their eventual replacement. Currently there is not a formal plan to replace the older model radios even though the manufacturer has discontinued production and support of this model. Even so, the County's radio repair division will still provide maintenance and support until such a time as these models are replaced throughout the County. This would allow the City time to formulate a sensible replacement schedule, instead of having to replace all radios at once.

The proposed participation in the County's PSIC grant would benefit the City in a reasonable phasing-out approach and allow the City of Garden Grove to purchase a

portion of updated radios at 20% of the normal cost. Each radio package would include the portable radio, radio programming, desk charger and one battery. Garden Grove Police and Garden Grove Fire will be able to purchase a combined total of at least 68 portable radios. This number is not fixed and there may be an opportunity to purchase more radios if other agencies decide not to participate. Conversely, if Garden Grove chooses not to purchase all 68 radios, the remaining number of radios will go back into the pool and other agencies will have the opportunity to purchase them.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Initially, the City must pay the full purchase price to the radio supplier (Motorola). Once the full price purchase has been made, all supporting paperwork will be forwarded to the UASI Coordinator who will then facilitate a reimbursement of 80% of the purchase price before tax and freight. If the radio purchase occurs before March 31, 2009 each radio package will cost approximately \$3,400.00 before the reimbursement and \$870.00 after reimbursement (including tax and freight). After March 31, 2009 each package will cost approximately \$3,800.00 before reimbursement and \$980.00 after reimbursement (including tax and freight). The initial cost to the city will be approximately \$231,200.00. The monies for this purchase will be taken out of Fund 220. The fund will then be reimbursed 80 % of the radio costs by UASI Grant funds within 90 days. That amount that will be reimbursed to the city will be approximately \$184,960.00. The total cost to the city, once the reimbursement is completed will be approximately \$46,240.00.

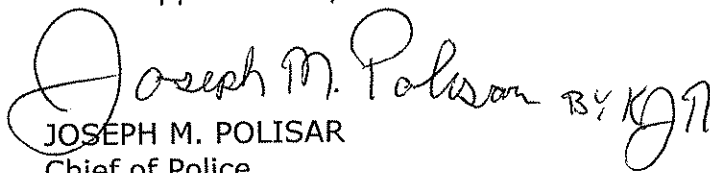
COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The purchase of updated portable radios meets the goals of the community's vision by improving the safety of the community through more reliable communication mediums which facilitate the speed and efficiency of police dispatch services to the community.

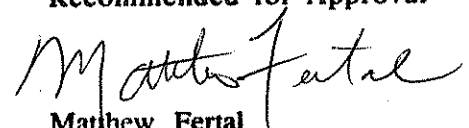
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that The Chief of Police:

- Approve the purchase of 68 radios through the PSIC Grant Program.


JOSEPH M. POLISAR
Chief of Police

Attachment 1: Quote from Motorola

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Fertal
City Manager

