

Agenda Report

March 14, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Phillip Leclair, Acting Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,900 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET, COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS FUND 501

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$135,900 from the Fiscal Year 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and appropriate these funds to the FY2011 Department of Information Technology Operating Budget, Computing and Communications Fund 501.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association has allocated funds to the City of Pasadena through the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) to calibrate and service Verdugo Fire Communication Center radios. Pursuant to the grant requirements the City will be required to spend funds and submit for reimbursement no later than April 7, 2011.

The Verdugo Fire system is jointly owned by Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale and provides emergency dispatch services to all eleven Fire Departments in Operational Area C. The system will be changing the format of communications to a narrow bandwidth by June 2011. Retuning of 750 radios in Area C to meet the narrowband specifications will be accomplished through this grant.

Pasadena will administer the grant on behalf of Verdugo as Pasadena Fire Department owns the largest number of mobile and portable radios in the system and will benefit the most by the use of this grant fund.

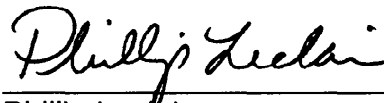
COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The recognition of these funds directly supports the City Council strategic goal to ensure public safety by enhancing first responder operations through interoperability communications. Retuning the Fire Department radios will provide improved communications between Members of the Fire Department and mutual aid agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action will increase appropriations in the Department of Information Technology's FY2011 Operating Budget, Computing and Commutations Fund 501 by \$135,900. The grant is a 100 percent reimbursement program as long as requirements are followed by grant recipients.

Respectfully submitted,



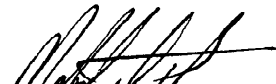
Phillip Leclair
Acting Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

Prepared by:



tor Steve Page
Communications Supervisor
Department of Information Technology

Approved by:



Michael J. Beck
City Manager