

Agenda Report

November 14, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: Pasadena Police Department

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2012 OPERATING BUDGET GRANT FUND; AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$235,000 FROM FLIR SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO DIGITAL DOWN-LINKING SYSTEMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM BROADCAST MICROWAVE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council: A) Recognize and appropriate \$650,000 in Homeland Security Grant Funds to the Police Department's FY2012 Operating Budget; B) Authorize issuance of a purchase order contract to FLIR Systems Incorporated not to exceed \$235,000 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera; C) Authorize issuance of a purchase order contract to Broadcast Microwave Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the purchase of two digital video down-linking systems for the police helicopter fleet. The proposed purchase order contracts are exempt from the competitive bidding process pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security has recently made available grant funds from the 2008 Homeland Security Grant. These funds represent awards to other jurisdictions that were subsequently unable to fulfill the grant requirements. Consequently, those funds are being reallocated to agencies that had submitted grant proposals.

On October 20, 2011, the Pasadena Police Department Air Operations Section was contacted by the Homeland Security Grant Program Task Force with notification that re-allocated grant funds were available to purchase specialized equipment for police helicopter operations. According to the program coordinator, the Air Operations Section

was awarded these funds based on regional efforts and experience with the grant program.

The \$650,000 award represents the acquisition of a number of aviation related items that will aid public safety efforts and improve response capabilities and efficiency during major incidents and catastrophes. These items include an updated aviation based navigation system, night vision technology, thermal imaging and color camera system, video downlink technology, interoperable radio systems, quiet technology tail rotor blades, and main rotor blades for a regional helicopter.

Currently, all of the city's patrol helicopters are equipped with identical FLIR Systems thermal imaging cameras. FLIR Systems, Inc. is a civilian contractor with a current contract with the City of El Monte for a similar FLIR Ultra 8500 system. FLIR has agreed to extend the same pricing under the El Monte purchase order contract to Pasadena.

Regarding Broadcast Microwave Services and the video downlink technology, two Pasadena helicopters and three Glendale / Burbank helicopters are equipped with similar downlink equipment. These systems are interoperable with proprietary encryption capabilities for security and safety concerns. Broadcast Microwave Services is a civilian contractor with a current contract with the City of Pomona for similar downlink equipment. Broadcast Microwave Services has agreed to extend the same pricing under the Pomona purchase order contract to Pasadena.

The aforementioned interoperable radio system, night vision equipment, main and tail rotor blades, and navigation system will be acquired utilizing the competitive bidding process, rules and guidelines.

Pursuant to the grant requirements the City will be required to spend funds and submit reimbursement no later than January 31, 2012.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The recommended action furthers the City Council's strategic plan goal to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

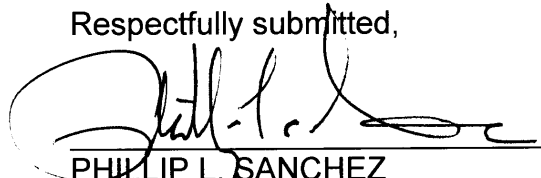
The action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applied to projects that may have an effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$650,000. All of which will be funded from additional revenues from the FY08 Sub-Grantee Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding for this action will be addressed by an increase in appropriations and estimated revenues in accounts 8504-230-401000-91140 Equipment and 6365-230-401000-91140 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$650,000.00.

It is anticipated that \$650,000 of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year. There are no anticipated indirect and support costs such as maintenance and IT support.

Respectfully submitted,


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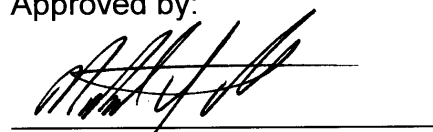
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