



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

DEPARTMENT: SALINAS POLICE DPARTMENT

FROM: ADELE FRESÉ, CHIEF OF POLICE

TITLE: BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC)
CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to accept a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) City Law Enforcement grant in the amount of \$95,624 and to authorize the direct purchase of five Mobile License Plate Readers (LPRs) in the total amount of \$94,458.63.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the acceptance of the BSCC City Law Enforcement grant in the amount of \$95,624. Further, we recommend the City Council authorize the direct purchase of five Mobile License Plate Readers (LPRs) in the total amount of \$94,458.63. A portion of the remaining grant funds (\$600) will be used to pay a consultant to provide training to the Salinas Police Department staff on homeless outreach efforts.

BACKGROUND:

The Budget Act of 2016 allocates \$20 million to cities to increase positive outcomes between municipal law enforcement and high-risk populations. The awards were determined based on a combination of factors, including the size of police departments in each county and mental health and homeless population data. The Salinas Police Department was awarded \$95,624.

The Act allows local law enforcement agencies to use the grant funds to supplement, not supplant, the following:

1. Homeless outreach teams
2. Crisis Intervention Training for officers
3. Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT)
4. Resources for drug endangered children
5. Outreach to high-risk youth
6. Youth diversion programs
7. Gang and violence prevention programs

Provision 3 requires agencies that receive funding to report the following, as applicable:

1. The number of new teams established or planned to be established.
2. The type of training and the number of peace officers trained or planned to be trained.
3. The type of equipment or resources that were purchased or planned to be purchased.

The Salinas Police Department would like to purchase five Mobile License Plate Readers (LPR) 3-camera systems with integrated processors. The cost will be \$94,458.63 for all five LPRs (see attached quote). The five LPRs will be placed on five new police vehicles. The equipment meets the requirements of the grant as the equipment will be used as part of the Police Department's Violence Reduction Program targeting gang violence. It has been the Police Department's experience that Salinas gang members often utilize stolen vehicles during the commission of violent crimes such as homicides, drive-by shootings and robberies. Our hope is the LPRs will assist officers to more efficiently identify and locate stolen vehicles; and apprehend the perpetrators prior to them committing the aforementioned violent crimes, thus reducing violent crime in Salinas.

On April 3, 2018, the City Council authorized the direct purchase of license plate readers and related equipment from LEHR, a sole source provider for Vigilant Solutions. The purchasing process utilized for that purchase is the same as that recommended here: The City Council has authority pursuant to Salinas Municipal Code Sections 21-25 and 12-27 to approve this proposed purchase. Moreover, the local purchasing preference would be inapplicable without application of the local purchasing preference pursuant to Salinas Municipal Code Section 12-28.080.

Additionally, the Department would like to retain a consultant to provide training to the Police Department's staff in homeless outreach programs. The total amount to be expended for this training would be \$600.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

This effort will require coordination amongst the Police Department and the Information Technology Division, Accounting Division, and Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. The Police Department will be the ultimate user of the LPRs; the Information Technology Division will handle some installation and programming of the LPRs; the Purchasing Division will handle the direct purchase and the Accounting Division will handle the invoicing and grant reporting processes.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Acceptance of this grant is consistent with the City Council's goal of a safe, livable community. Specifically, investigating the cost and efficacy of LPRs to support crime analysis and criminal investigations a goal in the current Strategic Plan.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Salinas. Both the LPR purchase and the homeless outreach training are one-time expenditures, which would come from the BSCC grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
LPR quote