

**REPORT TO THE
CITY COUNCIL**
City of Salinas, California

DATE: August 30, 2016

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SUBJECT: **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY/SUBSCRIPTION BASED SHOT SPOTTER FLEX
GUNFIRE LOCATION/VIOLENCE INTERRUPTER POSITIONS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept \$5.5 million from the State of California. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to expend the money from the State of California with the intent in which it was given to the City: \$3.5 million to purchase real property and/or facilities, \$1.5 million to purchase and implement a three-year subscription to ShotSpotter Flex and integrate ShotSpotter Flex with Monterey County Dispatch Center, and \$500,000 to fund three years of violence interrupter positions.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2016, the California Legislature passed a \$171 billion budget. In this budget, the State singled out Salinas to receive \$5.5 million to go directly toward anti-gang and violence prevention efforts. The funding was distributed as follows:

- \$3.5 million for the purchase of real property and/or facilities to improve police-community relations;
- \$1.5 million for three years of equipment and subscription to ShotSpotter Flex, a gunfire location/detection system; and
- \$500,000 for three years of violence interrupter positions, which involves street outreach.

With the pending development and construction of a new public safety facility, the City is seeking to acquire additional facilities and/or property at or near the site to develop a physical space where the community can interact with their Police Department in a positive way. This could be community meeting space, recreational facilities, open space or whatever else is determined to most positively enhance police-community interactions.

ShotSpotter Flex helps law enforcement agencies by directing police officers to the precise location of gunfire incidents within seconds of the shots being fired. ShotSpotter uses sonic sensors placed throughout the city to identify when and where gunfire occurs. There is no video component and ShotSpotter sensors cannot record voices. The sensors will be deployed to cover those areas of Salinas where gunfire is most likely to occur, based on data collected from shootings over the past two years

ShotSpotter is used in 90 cities worldwide. It is the only subscription-based systems capable of providing a gunshot location system. ShotSpotter will provide and install all equipment, including sensors placed throughout the city, and the software and training necessary to utilize this program. ShotSpotter has offered a three-year contract for this service. Under Pricing Option-A, a three-year subscription will cost \$1.4 million inclusive of equipment, installations, software and training. The quote is attached. The cost to integrate ShotSpotter with the Monterey County Dispatch Center will be \$75,684. This quote is attached. All costs for the project are contained within the state funding. There are no costs associated with terminating the service after the contract ends. ShotSpotter is based in Newark, California. There are no local vendors offering this service.

The \$500,000 allocated to the Community Safety Division will be used to hire and to outfit two full-time Street Outreach Specialists for three years. In addition to the street outreach personnel, funding will also provide for a robust set of trainings to include, but not be limited to, crisis intervention and response, grief counseling, sexual abuse counseling, and street outreach training from the Urban Peace Institute.

ISSUES:

Shall the City Council accept the money from the State of California?

If accepted, shall the City Council authorize the City Manager to expend the money from the State of California with the intent it was given to the City: \$3.5 million to purchase real property and/or facilities as outlined in the above discussion, \$1.5 million to purchase a three-year subscription to ShotSpotter Flex and integrate ShotSpotter Flex with Monterey County Dispatch Center, and \$500,000 to fund three years of violence interrupter positions?

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$5.5 million from the State of California does not require a match on the local level. Beyond the City's receipt of this additional funding, there will be no fiscal impact on the City of Salinas.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

Police Staff believes that each of the projects outlined above can help reduce gang violence and shootings, therefore Staff requests immediate action.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Not accept the money from the State of California and direct staff how to proceed.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

This recommendation and planned purchases support the Council's goal of maintaining a safe and livable community for all its residents.

CONCLUSIONS:

Staff recommends the City Council accept the money from the State of California. Staff further recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to expend money from the State of California as outlined in this Report.

Back Up Pages:

Resolution Accepting the money from the State/Granting City Manager to expend money

Resolution Purchasing ShotSpotter Flex

ShotSpotter Flex quote

Monterey CAD ShotSpotter Quote