



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
(ICAC) GRANT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the \$75,000 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant administered by the City of San Jose, the execution of all grant-related documents by the Interim City Manager, and the establishment of the ICAC Grant appropriation of up to \$75,000 and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution to authorize the acceptance of the \$75,000 ICAC Grant, administered by the City of San Jose, and to authorize the establishment of the grant appropriation of up to \$75,000 and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In March 2024, the Salinas Police Department was notified by the City of San Jose of the intent to award \$75,000 for training, supplies, and equipment to support the Salinas Police Department's participation in the ICAC Task Force. The Department is requesting authorization to accept this grant funding and establish an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, whose fiscal agent is San Jose Police Department, is a task force organized under the aegis of the National ICAC Task Force Program. The national program is composed of 61 regional Task Force agencies representing over

5,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and developing effective responses to internet crimes against children.

The (ICAC) Task Force helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet and other technology, the proliferation of child sexual abuse images available electronically, and the heightened online activity by predators seeking unsupervised contact with potential underage victims. Because ICAC members understand that arrests alone cannot resolve the problem of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation, the ICAC program is also dedicated to training law enforcement officers and prosecutors, as well as educating parents and youth about the potential dangers of online activity.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has awarded Internet Crimes Against Children grant funds to the City of San Jose to support the Silicon Valley ICAC Task Force. The City of San Jose has agreed to allocate a grant subaward to the City of Salinas in the amount of \$75,000 to provide training, supplies, and equipment in support of Salinas Police Department's participation in the ICAC Task Force. The grant period runs from January 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. The Resolution will authorize the acceptance of this ICAC grant and establish an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget for grant activities.

Upon approval of grant acceptance, members of the Salinas Police Department ICAC Team will evaluate needs and make decisions related to how to allocate funds for eligible training, equipment, and supplies.

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Acting Police Chief John Murray presented grant award to the Police Community Advisory Committee on March 27, 2024. The Committee did not provide any comments or concerns in response to this grant.

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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed Resolutions will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department will work with the Legal Department during approval, and with the Finance Department and Information Technology Department during implementation.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Proposed funding from the ICAC Grant is \$75,000, all of which will be used for eligible training, supplies, and equipment to support the Salinas Police Department's participation in the ICAC Task Force. No matching funds are required from the City of Salinas to receive the grant funds and the Resolution authorizes the establishment of an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution – ICAC Grant Acceptance
ICAC Grant Agreement/MOU