



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** DECEMBER 7, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** ROBERTO FILICE, CHIEF OF POLICE

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**TITLE:** PAYMENT FOR SUBSCRIPTION-BASED SHOTSPOTTER  
GUNFIRE LOCATION, ALERT AND ANALYSIS SERVICE

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution approving a one-year subscription agreement and authorizing payment of \$455,000 for the Annual Subscription Services for ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service to cover the period December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve a Resolution approving a one-year subscription agreement and authorizing payment of \$455,000 for Annual Subscription Services for ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service, per the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement, to cover the period December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On August 31, 2016, the City of Salinas received \$5.5 million from the State of California to go directly toward anti-gang and violence prevention efforts, with \$1.5 million dedicated to three years of subscription services for ShotSpotter, as well as the purchase of necessary equipment and payment of associated implementation costs. City Council accepted the funds and authorized the execution of the initial Agreement with ShotSpotter on August 30, 2016. The initial three-year subscription ended December 13, 2019, and on February 25, 2020, the City Council allocated additional funding and approved a new subscription agreement with ShotSpotter to continue services through December 13, 2020. The funds for ShotSpotter were included in the Police Department's FY 2020-21 budget, and on November 17, 2020, the City Council approved payment to continue services through December 13, 2021. Funds for the ShotSpotter service were approved by City Council as part of the Police Department's FY 2021-22 Budget, and staff is now requesting approval of payment for the Annual Subscription Services for the period December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022 under the terms and conditions of the existing agreement.

## BACKGROUND:

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 acoustic 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 are deployed to cover those areas of Salinas where gunfire is most likely to occur, based on data collection. ShotSpotter is currently used in more than 100 cities worldwide.

The goal of ShotSpotter is to reduce gun violence and save lives. The information and data gathered assists law enforcement in solving crimes and in prosecuting those individuals responsible for gun violence in the community. In 2019, there were 252 ShotSpotter alerts, with only 20 corresponding calls for service; thus 232 shootings occurred without a call to 911. In 2020, there were 275 ShotSpotter alerts, with only 17 corresponding calls for service; thus 258 shootings were without a call to 911. While it remains critical for the community to call 911, the location of the gunfire can sometimes be difficult for callers to identify. Additionally, the community may be reluctant to report gunfire or a potential crime for a variety of reasons, including fear of getting involved. With the ShotSpotter service, an alert is issued within approximately 60 seconds and the alert provides a location which is accurate to within 100-feet without the need for a resident's report or call for service. This fast and accurate alert system allows the Police Department to respond immediately to the scene to locate and provide aid to potential victims.

Attached to this report is a copy of the presentation that will be given to the City Council by Chief Roberto Filice. Chief Filice will provide an explanation of how ShotSpotter works, information regarding ShotSpotter alerts, as well as a description of how ShotSpotter data is utilized by the Salinas Police Department. Chief Filice will also provide several case examples related to ShotSpotter alerts within the City of Salinas.

Funds for the ShotSpotter service were approved by City Council as part of the Police Department's FY 2021-22 Budget and staff is now requesting approval to make the \$455,000 payment for Annual Subscription Services to cover the period December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022. Terms and conditions of the existing Agreement shall apply. ShotSpotter is located in Newark, California and there are no local vendors for this service.

The Police Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) received a presentation regarding ShotSpotter during the November 18, 2021 PCAC Special Meeting. After the presentation, question and answer period, and public comments, PCAC Members voted unanimously to recommend this request to authorize payment for the maintenance of the ShotSpotter Service be forwarded to City Council for consideration. No members of the public spoke against the City's continued use of the ShotSpotter technology.

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 resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety – maintaining existing community policing policies and to provide emergency medical services in a cost effective and responsive manner.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department will coordinate with the Finance Department during the purchasing process.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No additional funding is being requested. Funds for this service were approved by City Council as part of the FY 2021-22 Police Department Budget and account 1000.40.4130-63.4980 will be used for payment of the \$455,000 annual subscription fee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
ShotSpotter Presentation  
ShotSpotter Renewal Quote  
ShotSpotter Services Agreement