



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: CA OES ICAC (INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN) TASK
FORCE GRANT – MOBILE FORENSIC VEHICLE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended City Council approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Ca OES ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force subgrant in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a mobile forensic vehicle for the Salinas Police Department.

Total Cost of the vehicle and equipment shall not exceed \$200,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City Council authorize the Salinas Police Department to accept the Ca OES ICAC Task Force subgrant in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a mobile forensic vehicle.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Silicon Valley ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force Program is a task force that helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has awarded Internet Crimes Against Children grant funds to the City of San Jose. The City of San Jose has agreed to allocate a grant subaward to the City of Salinas in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a regional mobile forensic vehicle as part of the ICAC Task Force. The grant and vehicle will enhance the Police Department's investigative abilities and particularly those involving in human trafficking, child sex exploitation, and internet crimes against children.

DISCUSSION:

The Silicon Valley (San Jose PD) ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force Program is a task force organized under the aegis of the National ICAC Task Force. The program is

currently composed of 61 regional Task Force agencies and is funded by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The (ICAC) 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. The City of San Jose has agreed to allocate a grant subaward to the City of Salinas in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a regional mobile forensic vehicle as part of the ICAC Task Force.

The Mobile Forensic Vehicle shall be built to specifications and has not yet been built. The total purchase price the vehicle with equipment and installation shall not exceed \$200,000.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

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:

This action meets the Strategic Plan goal of Safe, Livable Community and specific objective to *Reestablish State and Federal Partnerships to Fight Crime in the City* by partnering with State and Federal agencies to target criminal actors, particularly those involved in human trafficking, child sex exploitation, and internet crimes against children.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION

The Police Department will coordinate with the Purchasing Division on the purchase of the equipment and the service, if approved by the City Council.

This project is part of an on-going collaborative law enforcement effort with local, state, and federal partners.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is a fiscal impact and recurring cost to the City of Salinas in terms of vehicle maintenance and yet to be determined vehicle registration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Resolution
City of San Jose Grant Agreement