

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the 2018/19 State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant and Approval of Spending Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution accepting the 2018/19 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant in the amount of \$140,000 as allocated in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) for the Piedmont Police Department and approve the spending plan to purchase items supporting frontline law enforcement services.

BACKGROUND

Since 1997, the California State Budget Act has included allocations to counties and cities for the COPS program. This funding is intended to fill the need for additional resources at the local level to ensure public safety. Under the provisions of Government Code Section 30061, a percentage of the funds are allocated to counties and cities, based upon population, for law enforcement services.

The COPS funds must be used for frontline municipal police services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding. By law, the City Council is required to hold a public hearing, apart from its usual budget hearings, to consider the written request of the Chief of Police for use of the funds.

Each city must create a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) for the COPS grant money. The funds cannot be used for administrative overhead costs in excess of 0.5 percent of the total allocation. The allocation may not be used to fund the costs of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support frontline law enforcement.

ANALYSIS

In FY 2018/19, the Piedmont Police Department expects to receive \$140,000 from the COPS grant into the SLESA. In addition, funds in the amount of \$408,333 are being carried forward from prior years resulting in total funds available of \$548,333. Such funds will need to be spent or encumbered by June 20, 2019. The funds are requested to be spent as follows:

Description	Cost
Police Safety Gear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Exterior Vest Carrier for officers (reimbursement of those already purchased)</u> 	\$3,500
Police Field Supplies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Electric Peddle Assist Police Bicycle</u> 	\$3,500
Technology/Software	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Public Safety Camera Pilot equipment and software</u> 	\$6,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Additional ALPR Cameras for new locations</u> 	\$100,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Electronic Citation devices, software</u> 	\$70,000
Crime Prevention/Community Engagement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Design services for new crime prevention materials such as pamphlets, for public education and marketing of services.</u> 	\$5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Social Media Training/Consulting</u> 	\$15,000
Staff Supplement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Overtime for Community events, Special Patrol and other staff support</u> 	\$83,250
PD Facility Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Update briefing room, new office furniture, storage solutions for armory, A/V equipment for training and department presentations</u> 	\$95,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dispatch center update</u> 	\$60,000
Other Front Line Police Equipment and Services	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Funds will be used to replace unexpected critical equipment failures or future needs. Among other items, this may include laptop computers, gas masks, radios, batteries, radars, LIDARS, TASERs, Body Worn Cameras, and other front line law enforcement equipment or technology items and services.</u> 	\$107,083

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2019. There are no matching requirements for this grant, and no direct impact on City resources for the fiscal years associated with the action in this staff report. This plan may be adjusted in the future and by no means represents Council approval for non-routine, large-scale procurements such as the license plate readers. Future purchases will be made in accordance with the City's adopted procurement policies and, prior to any such purchase, staff will provide Council with a full report and detailed request of any proposed procurements that exist within the spending plan.

Certain equipment and/or software procured with these funds could have ongoing service/maintenance costs, such as annual software licenses and monthly storage fees. Depending on the purchase and the amount supported, the costs will vary. If the Police Department continues to receive the COPS grant annually, equipment/software related service/maintenance costs may continue to be funded by this program. However, should COPS grant money become unavailable, these service costs may be accommodated in the Police Department general fund budget.

By: Jeremy Bowers, Chief of Police