



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: September 28, 2010 REPORT NO: 10-128
ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of October 13, 2010
SUBJECT: COPS FY 2010 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM GRANT

REQUESTED ACTION

Request the City Council to approve and accept \$200,000 in federal funding from the COPS Office of the U.S. Department of Justice to provide crime laboratory equipment and supplies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorizing the Mayor or his representative to make application to US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and to take all necessary actions to secure funding for an amount of \$200,000 in grant funds from the COPS Technology Grant.
2. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to establish a special interest-bearing fund for the grants, if required.
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept up to \$200,000 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the COPS Office of the U.S. Department of Justice if the grant funding is secured.
4. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend up to \$200,000 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the COPS Office of the US Department of Justice to purchase supplies and equipment if the grant funding is secured.
5. Authorize the Chief of Police to administer and operate this program.

SUMMARY

The San Diego Police Department has been invited to apply for the COPS 2010 Technology Grant. The purpose of these funds is to assist law enforcement agencies in acquiring equipment that will keep them current and efficient. We intend to acquire needed equipment for our crime laboratory.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Police Department Crime Laboratory does not have the capability to analyze for certain drugs and poisons. We have identified a piece of equipment (LC/MS) that will give us that ability. We seek certain computer and software upgrades and the replacement of some antiquated equipment to make the laboratory more efficient.

CONCLUSION

Through the funding from this grant, the SDPD will purchase a LC/MS for drug and poison analysis. Laptop computers will be purchased for crime scene specialists to increase their efficiency at scenes. The purchase of infrared cameras will enhance the laboratory's ability to interpret gunshot residue patterns on dark clothing.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

All expenditures will be reimbursed via the grant award. There is no requirement for matching funds and no requirement for continued expenditures or services once grant funding is depleted or terminated.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION

Resolution Number R-304383 was adopted on November 24, 2008. The resolution authorized the Chief of Police to accept and expend \$678,000 for technological improvements in support of the officers and detectives of the Police Department. The resolution and copy of the grant application are on file at the City Clerk's office.


COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

None.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS

Key stakeholders include the Police Department

Respectfully submitted,



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