



Council Meeting: July 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 2 to Receive State Homeland Security Grant Program Training Funds

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides grant funding each year to states in support of prevention and preparedness efforts related to terrorism and large scale disasters. The State of California distributes funding to counties (Operational Areas) based on potential threats that exist in a particular jurisdiction. As a sub-grantee of Santa Clara County, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is eligible to receive DHS Grant funds during the 2008 performance period to support DHS approved K-9 Explosive Detection Training.

Staff recommends that Council approve Budget Modification No. 2 to receive state DHS grant program training funds.

BACKGROUND

In September 2007, Council approved Public Safety's on-going participation in State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (RTC 07-327).

In November of 2008, the State Office of Homeland Security awarded the Santa Clara County Operational Area a 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program allocation of \$3,867,183. These funds are administered by the Operational Area and are designed to assist agencies with terrorism preparedness, response and mitigation related training, exercises and equipment purchases.

DPS has been approved within the 2008 SHSGP allocation to cover the reimbursement of eligible expenditures related to the training of DPS K-9 in the detection of explosives. This training is approved through DHS and allows DPS to continue to meet the regional need for K-9 explosive detection assets.

EXISTING POLICY

4.1 Public Safety Sub-Element

Goal 4.1A: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community

Policy 4.1A.1: Provide rapid and timely response to all emergencies.

Action Statements:

4.1A.1d: Maintain, train, and equip special response teams for extraordinary or extremely hazardous emergency incidents.

Goal 4.1D: Conduct planning and administration that incorporates interaction with other city departments as well as other agencies, both public and private, where mutual concerns exist which could have impact on the delivery of law enforcement services.

Policy 4.1D.1: Coordinate law enforcement planning with local, regional, State and Federal plans.

DISCUSSION

As noted previously, continued participation in the SHSGP was approved by Council in 2007. For 2008, the SHSGP continues as articulated in RTC 07-327 with no substantive changes. The process for awards required participating agencies to submit "Requests for Funding" for training, equipment, and other resources. The requests were evaluated and compared to identified risks and mandates to ensure resources were used in the most beneficial manner. As a condition of approval, the Approval Authority required that all equipment resources granted were to be considered part of the State Mutual Aid Plan and could be deployed as needed.

DPS requested funding to support the training of an existing K-9 in the detection of explosive devices. DPS requested this training in order to replace an existing K-9 with this capability that unexpectedly retired in early 2008. DPS was notified in September of 2008 that the training request had been approved. The K-9 and handler completed the training on May 8, 2009 and are now available as a local and regional asset in the detection of explosives.

Expenses related to this training that are eligible for reimbursement total \$7,685. This includes \$3,185 in staff costs required for backfilling the handler's assignment while he attended the training. DPS has currently absorbed these expenses within FY 2008/2009 operating budget. It is anticipated that all of these costs will be reimbursed by the Operational Area to the City of Sunnyvale.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses eligible for reimbursement total \$7,685. Because this training took place in FY 2008/2009, the expenditures for this training were absorbed in the DPS operating budget during that fiscal year. However, the revenues related to the reimbursement are being requested and will be received in FY 2009/2010, which will add to the General Fund's Budget Stabilization Reserve, as there are no FY 2009/2010 expenditures to offset.

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**Budget Modification No. 2
FY 2009/2010**

	Current	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
DHS Training Grant	\$0	\$7,685	\$7,685
<u>Reserves</u>			
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$27,698,206	\$7,685	\$27,705,891

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Budget Modification No. 2 to receive SHSGP funds to K-9 explosive training.
2. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 2 to receive SHSGP funds for K-9 explosive detection training.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Alternative #1. Approve Budget Modification No. 2 to receive SHSGP funds for the K-9 explosive detection training.

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