



Council Meeting: February 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Budget Modification No. 23 to Appropriate \$330,415 of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding and \$4,335 of Justice Assistance Grant Funding

GRANT SUMMARY

SLES

Since 1996, Council has appropriated SLES funding to support front-line police services. SLES monies are appropriated annually by the State Legislature to Santa Clara County for distribution to local law enforcement agencies for front-line police support. The distribution mechanism is Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grants.

California Government Code Sections 30061 - 30065 governs these grants and their distribution. Code requires each municipal law enforcement agency to submit a request to its governing body so SLES monies are formally appropriated. Budget Modification No. 23 has been prepared to appropriate \$330,415 in SLES funding for FY 2011/12.

JAG

On September 30, 2011, the City Manager accepted JAG monies in the amount of \$15,335. This federal grant was awarded to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to partially fund the purchase of one automated license plate reader (ALPR). Of the total award, \$11,000 already had been appropriated as part of the FY 2011/2012 Adopted Budget. Budget Modification No. 23 has been prepared to appropriate the remaining \$4,335 of the JAG Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FFY2011) award, which has not been committed for other purposes.

GRANTING AGENCIES

SLES – Santa Clara County, Supplement Law Enforcement Oversight Committee

JAG – U.S. Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP/BJA)

EXISTING POLICY

Policy 4.1A.5: Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

Policy 4.1D.2: Provide effective and efficient management of Public Safety resources in order to meet the needs of: the community, the internal organization, and those mandated by regional, State, and Federal agencies.

DISCUSSION

SLES – In the prior three fiscal years, Santa Clara County’s appropriation of SLES funding declined because of State budget reductions. While the City had received more than \$300,000 in years past, our most recent allocation was only \$142,000 for FY 2010/11. In Fall 2011, subsequent legislative action restored funding for the grants. The Governor’s budget initiative, *2011 Public Safety Realignment*, was passed as part of the 2011 State Budget. Realignment’s primary purpose was to realign public safety programs from the state to the level of government which can best provide the service required. The Legislature restored COPS/SLES grants as the mechanism to distribute funds associated with Realignment and front-line police efforts to accommodate any shifts from state to local. As a result, Sunnyvale’s allocation is \$267,759. Unfortunately, the funding to restore the COPS/SLES grants came through the elimination of Motor Vehicle License fees to local agencies. The City of Sunnyvale lost approximately \$500,000 on an ongoing basis as a result.

DPS formulated its SLES spending plan based on the total monies available and priorities directly linked to its strategic vision for front-line law enforcement. The FY 2011/2012 SLES spending plan includes:

- Automated license plate readers
- Technology and equipment to directly support Patrol Operations, Investigations, and Crime Scene Investigations
- Implementing on-line crime reporting
- Overtime for front-line law enforcement efforts in identified “hot spots”
- Overtime to increase police presence in schools and neighborhoods.
- Overtime to proactively monitor early release due to parole realignment
- Overtime to proactively address gang violence

In prior years, DPS used the SLES monies to partially fund an officer position in the Traffic Unit. However, DPS changed its strategy given the uncertainty associated with the COPS/SLES grants over the past several years. By moving SLES funding from personnel to equipment and overtime, DPS will minimize the City’s financial exposure if the funding is reduced or eliminated during FY 2011/2012. In short, equipment will be purchased and overtime assignments will be approved only after the quarterly grant allocation is received.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Strategic Services Division in DPS will be responsible for managing the grants. The Department of Finance has confirmed the City has available resources to administer the grants.

All SLES monies (\$267,759 new and \$62,656 reserves) will be used to purchase equipment and increase front-line police presence in the community. All JAG monies will be used to partially purchase one ALPR. The remaining balance needed to purchase the ALPR will be from the \$330,415 of SLES monies being appropriated through this Council action.

Maintenance costs for all equipment are incorporated into the spending plan and will be maintained throughout the useful life of the equipment. When the equipment becomes obsolete or surpasses its useful life, grant funds will be sought for its replacement. This equipment will not be placed on DPS' equipment replacement schedule. There is no increase to operating costs resulting from the purchase of the new equipment.

Required Local Match

NONE

Increased Cost To City Upon Grant Termination

NONE

**Budget Modification No. 23
 FY 2011/2012**

	Current	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
Police Services Augmentation Fund – Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Sub-fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
1026-00 – State Supplemental Police Services (COPS/SLES)	\$0	\$267,759	\$267,759
0930-03 – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	\$11,000	\$4,355	\$15,355
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project - FY 2011/2012 COPS/SLES Grant Spending Plan	\$0	\$330,415	\$330,415
Project – FFY 2011 JAG Grant – Automated License Plate Reader	\$11,000	\$4,355	\$15,355
<u>Reserves</u>			
Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Sub-fund — Reserves	\$62,656	(\$62,656)	\$0

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. 23 to appropriate \$330,415 of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding and \$4,335 of Justice Assistance Grant Funding for the spending plan detailed in this report.
2. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 23 to appropriate \$330,415 of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding and \$4,335 of Justice Assistance Grant Funding and appropriate the funds for other eligible police expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Approve Budget Modification No. 23 to appropriate \$330,415 of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding and \$4,335 of Justice Assistance Grant Funding.

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