

**Council Meeting: June 15, 2010****SUBJECT: Appropriation of Department of Homeland Security Training Grant Funds and Approval of Budget Modification No. 39****BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Safety participates annually in the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) which provides funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the County (Operational Areas) to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Public Safety annually submits requests for training and equipment within the guidelines of the SHSGP guidance. The County Operational Area has established an approval authority that makes the determination on funding allocations that each requestor will receive based upon the relevance to the DHS priorities.

In September 2007, Council approved Public Safety's on-going participation in the MOU which governs the distribution of the funds through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (RTC 07-327).

EXISTING POLICY**4.1 Law Enforcement Sub-Element**

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

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

Goal 4.1B: Provide community oriented services that are responsive to citizen's needs in traditionally non-criminal areas.

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.

Action Statement 4.1D.2b: Develop proposals and apply for appropriate governmental grants.

4.2 Fire Services Sub-element

Goal A: Provide a fire service response system that will control the spread of fire in buildings and other properties and maintain minimal casualties and property loss from fire and other related emergencies.

Policy A.2. Provide training that is adequate for required duties.

Action Statements A.2d. Provide specialized training to establish a high level of expertise for extremely hazardous or critical operations.

DISCUSSION

DPS and every other law enforcement agency in Santa Clara County have been awarded funds for local implementation of the SHSGP FRO-LAW program. The FRO-LAW (First Responder Operational for Law Enforcement) Program involves standardized training for every sworn Peace Officer in Santa Clara County concerning initial response to a local or regional threat involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosives. The allocation for FRO-LAW is \$31,655 which includes training, overtime/backfill and supplies to complete the training. The FRO-LAW training is underway and almost complete throughout the county.

In addition, DPS has been approved for 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Training funds in the amount of \$148,356. These funds will be for reimbursable expenditures that will occur in FY 2010/2011. These funds are provided to cover the costs of the tuition, travel expenses, overtime and backfill for participants. Annually, DPS submits requests to the County Op Area for training programs. These programs are identified by Homeland Security to enhance the response capabilities of the first responder agencies in Santa Clara County.

The County Op Area reviews and establishes the guidelines for the allocation of the funding. The County Op Area then notifies the agencies of their allotment and the approved training programs.

For the 2009 SHSGP allocation, DPS was approved for: Hazardous Material Incident Command, Emergency Trench and Excavation Rescue, Confined Space Operational Technician, Rescue Systems 2, Incident Command Systems and All-Hazards Safety Officer training. These programs enhance our response capabilities by providing all-hazards training to line-level personnel, incident command training to our supervisors and command staff, and preparing our Public Safety Department for a response to catastrophic events both City- and County-wide.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net impact to the General Fund for appropriation of these grant funds. Budget Modification No. 39 has been prepared to recognize and appropriate \$31,655 in grant funding from the SHSGP FRO-LAW program to reimburse training and other expenditures already incurred.

**Budget Modification No. 39
FY 2009/2010**

	Current	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues</u>			
State Homeland Security Grant Program – FRO LAW	\$0	\$31,655	\$31,655
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project - State Homeland Security Grant Program – FRO LAW	\$0	\$31,655	\$31,655

Council approval is also requested to incorporate \$148,356 in additional SHSGP grant funding into FY 2010/2011 Budget. These funds will be budgeted in a new special project and will be used for the approved purposes discussed above.

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. 39 to recognize and appropriate SHSGP funds to offset costs incurred in FY 2009/2010, as well as to incorporate \$148,356 in SHSGP grant funding into the FY 2010/2011 Budget.

2. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 39 to accept appropriate SHSGP funds to offset costs incurred in FY 2009/2010 and do not incorporate \$148,356 in SHSGP grant funding into the FY 2010/2011 Budget.

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative #1: Approve Budget Modification No. 39 to appropriate the SHSGP funds into a special project to offset costs incurred in FY 2009/2010, as well as to incorporate \$148,356 in SHSGP grant funding into the FY 2010/2011 Budget.

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