



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
April 21, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Grant and Agreement: Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program**

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to accept on behalf of the City of Sacramento up to \$418,450 in grant funding for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), sub-granted through the City and County of San Francisco; 2) authorizing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento a Memorandum of Understanding with the City and County of San Francisco for purpose of implementing IECGP projects; 3) increasing the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue budgets by \$418,450; and 4) amending the Police Department budget (DeptID 11001411) to add one FTE Administrative Analyst necessary to implement the IECGP, to be fully funded by the grant.

**Contact:** Tom Sweeney, Lieutenant, 874-2172

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Homeland Security

**Organization No:** 11001411

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security allocated funding to the State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) through the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). The purpose of the program is to help improve interoperable communications, including communications in collective response to acts of terrorism, natural and man-made disasters. Eligible sub-grantees are the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions that were assigned to one of four State planning areas. The San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento UASIs were assigned to the Capital-

Bay Planning Area. On behalf of both UASIs, San Francisco submitted the grant application and will act as fiscal agent for the grant. Sacramento UASI will receive up to \$418,450 to develop a regional governance and strategic plan for interoperable communications and provide training.

**Policy Considerations:** The Sacramento UASI has been the recipient of grant funding to implement programs to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural and man-made disasters, and critical incidents. The acceptance of IECGP grant funding and the adoption of the MOU between Sacramento and the City and County of San Francisco is consistent with the City of Sacramento's identified strategic planning focus areas of Public Safety.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Sustainability Considerations:** There are no sustainability considerations associated with this report.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not Applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** It is in the best interest of the City to accept funding from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for purposes of the IECGP grant and to enter into an agreement as a sub-recipient with the City and County of San Francisco, who will act as the IECGP fiscal agent, for the following reasons:

- Interoperable communications are an essential component in the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to critical incidents, including, but not limited to, natural and man-made disasters or acts of terrorism.
- The IECGP grant will help provide resources that will allow the Sacramento region to continue its migration to the mandatory P-25 federal standard for radio communications systems. Presently, the region's system, midway through its lifecycle, is managed by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Consortium. The SRRCS has more than 80 primary and secondary subscribers to the radio system, of which the City of Sacramento is a primary subscriber. With an estimated cost of more than \$60 million to complete the system migration and achieve full interoperability with the region's radio communications system, external funding opportunities such as IECGP help support regional planning and governance efforts. On a national scale, the IECGP grant will help the Sacramento region align its

interoperable strategic objectives to the National Emergency Communications Plan to further enhance interoperability.

- The IECGP grant will foster interagency and cross-discipline collaboration that extends beyond the Sacramento region.

**Financial Considerations:** The Sacramento UASI will receive up to \$418,450 to implement the following IECGP projects:

- Develop a regional governance and strategic plan that will consist of roles, responsibilities and protocols for decision-making and other standard operating procedures in the Capital-Bay (Sacramento-San Francisco) Planning Area.
- Fund one FTE Administrative Analyst to oversee and coordinate project activities on behalf of the Sacramento UASI.
- Develop and provide Communications Leader training for coordinating on-scene emergency communications during a multi-jurisdictional response.

The IECGP does not require a cash match.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (E/SBD) program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by: Tom Sweeney  
Tom Sweeney, Lieutenant

Approved by: Rick Brazier  
Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

for Ray Kerridge  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background**

The Sacramento Region has previously been the recipient of several grant awards for purposes of improving interoperability for voice and data radio communications systems. The region's system, managed by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Consortium, which includes the City of Sacramento as a member, is in the midst of a migration from its current mixed analog-digital system to one that is fully digital and compliant with federal standards.

The Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) will help offset the estimated cost of achieving full technical and administrative interoperability for the region's radio system. Specifically, funding priorities for the grant in the current fiscal year provide for establishing formal interoperable communications governance structures, common planning and operational protocols, and enhancing emergency responder skills and capabilities through training.

The IECGP does not require a cash match and will be implemented in coordination with similar interoperable communications projects implemented by the San Francisco Bay Area UASI.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AGREEMENT: INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security allocated funding to the State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) through the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). Eligible sub-grantees are the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions who were assigned to one of four State planning areas. Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area were assigned to the same planning area. On behalf of both UASI, the City and County of San Francisco submitted the IECGP grant application and will act as fiscal agent for purposes of the grant. Sacramento may receive up to \$418,450 in grant funding.
- B. The purpose of the program is to improve interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and critical incidents. The IECGP will focus on key issues beyond technical infrastructure and equipment to ensure that regions have the necessary capabilities to communicate during emergencies. This grant represents one of many efforts underway that will move the Sacramento region's voice and data communications systems toward achieving full interoperability.
- C. The grant will fund projects related to establishing formal interoperable communications governance structures, common planning and operational protocols and enhancing emergency responder skills and capabilities.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designated representative, is authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to accept up to \$418,450 in funding from the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency, sub-granted through the City and County of San Francisco.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designated representative, is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento a Memorandum of

Understanding with the City and County of San Francisco for purpose of implementing IECGP projects.

Section 3. The Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue budgets shall be increased by \$418,450.

Section 4. The Police Department budget (DeptID 11001411) will be amended by one FTE Administrative Analyst to be fully funded by the grant. This FTE will be eliminated when grant funding is no longer available.