



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**December 4, 2007**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title:** Grant: Regional Radio Communications Interoperability

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) accepting up to \$5,737,500 in grant funding from the Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and \$1,912,500 in matching funds from the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS); 2) increasing the Police Department's grant expenditure and grant revenue budgets in an amount of \$7,650,000.00; and, 3) authorizing the City Manager, Police Chief, and Deputy Police Chief to individually enter into agreements, as necessary and subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, to accept the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.

**Contact:** Jacqueline Dowden, Police Captain, 277-1750

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Communications

**Organization No:** 2152

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has allocated \$5,737,500 in funding to the Police Department with a \$1,912,500 cash match to be provided by SRRCS. The Department is requesting approval to accept and use COPS grant funds to upgrade and enhance the 800 MHz regional radio system.

**Policy Considerations:** Accepting this funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to establish and strengthen community and regional partnerships to provide community safety and to enhance the quality of life.

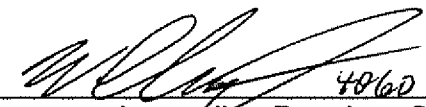
**Environmental Considerations:** Staff's recommendation concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3);15378(b)(4)].

**Commission/Committee Action:** The grant application was submitted in partnership with the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) consortium (which also includes grant partners Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento City Fire Department, and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District among many others). Due to the short application period, staff was unable to request Council permission before applying.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** In response to life-safety lessons learned from both the September 11, 2001 tragedy and Hurricane Katrina disaster, this project will continue to help move the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento region closer to achieving fully-integrated regional 800 MHz radio interoperability. The upgrades to be provided will further strengthen and enhance the various regional law enforcement agencies' ability to communicate with each other in the event a major disaster or catastrophe occurs within the Sacramento region.


**Financial Considerations:** The total allocation for this 3-year grant is \$7,650,000, which includes \$5,737,500 from the COPS office and an SRRCS match of \$1,912,500. General fund budget augmentations are not required to accept or utilize these grant funds.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Goods and services purchased for this project will be in accordance with the Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully Submitted by:  4860  
Jacqueline Dowden, Captain

Approved by:   
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

Ref: COP

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### **Background**

The September 11, 2001 tragedy exposed serious gaps in the nation's ability to coordinate emergency services between and amongst public safety agencies in the event of such a critical incident. Acting on lessons learned from the tragedy, with regard to emergency communications, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Project 25 came into existence. In an effort to create an enhanced, fully interoperable, digital radio system, minimal federal radio standards were established. A total replacement of the system with an all-digital P-25 compatible design is anticipated by 2015 and projected total regional cost is approximately \$60,000,000. The Sacramento Police Department, as a member of the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) consortium, has already taken the beginning steps towards this goal.

In the fall of 2004, the Sacramento Police Department received a COPS office grant in the amount of \$6,000,000 with a \$2,000,000 match provided by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS). The monies from this grant were used to replace aging and antiquated equipment, strengthen the backbone of the region's 800 MHz radio communications system and provide components to assist with a future all-digital migration.

In June 2007, the Sacramento Police Department was invited to apply for grant funding to continue the project. The goal is to implement a fully interoperable regional 800 MHz radio communication in the Sacramento region. The application was submitted in partnership with SRRCS (which also includes grant partners Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento City Fire Department, and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District as well as many other regional law enforcement agencies).

Highlights of anticipated achievements for this interoperability grant project include:

- The purchase and installation of two 25-channel 800 MHz trunked radio sites, including site reconfiguration and relocation
- The purchase and installation of ten 700 MHz/800 MHz conventional radio repeaters
- The purchase and installation of one VHF lo-band CLEMARS repeater
- The purchase of two transportable trunked radio sites
- The purchase and programming of two-hundred-fifty portable radios
- A regional mobile data study
- Project manager/consultant services

- Travel and training related to grant management and operations
- The purchase of communications supplies

## Attachment 2

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**GRANT FOR REGIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY****BACKGROUND**

- A. The Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provides funding to law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes. The COPS office has allocated \$5,737,500 in funding for a 3-year grant to upgrade 800 MHz radio interoperability in the Sacramento region.
- B. The Federal COPS office grant award requires a 25% match (\$1,912,500) which will be provided through the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications Consortium, County of Sacramento.

**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 hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to accept grant funding from the Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$5,737,500 and \$1,912,500 in matching funds from the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS).

Section 2. The Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets shall be amended as follows:

Grant revenue budget		
255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Federal Grant	\$5,737,500
255-OGR-GXXX-3598	County SRRCS	<u>\$1,912,500</u>
	Total Grant Revenues	\$7,650,000
Grant expense budget		
255-OGR-GXXX-46XX	Communications Equipment	\$7,556,250
255-OBR-GXXX-4258	Consultants/Contractors	\$ 79,450
255-OGR-GXXX-4434	Communications Supplies	\$ 6,000
255-OGR-GXXX-4264	Travel	<u>\$ 8,300</u>
	Total Grant Expense	\$7,650,000

Section 3. The City Manager, Police Chief, and Deputy Police Chief are individually authorized to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding, as

necessary and subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, to accept the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.