



AGENDA ITEM NO.	1D
COUNCIL MEETING	10/07/08
APPROVED BY	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	

October 7, 2008

FROM: JERRY P. DYER, Chief of Police  
Police Department

BY: COURTNEY ESPINOZA, Management Analyst  
Special Operations Division  
Police Department

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR THE INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION GRANT PROGRAM (IECGP), AND COMPLETION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

**KEY RESULT AREA**

Public Safety

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council authorize the Police Department's participation in, and application for, the \$708,360 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) offered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, sub-granted through the State of California, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, and authorize the Chief of Police or designee to sign and complete all required documents.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Fresno Police Department, acting as the lead agent, in collaboration with various governmental and non-profit agencies, would like to submit an application for a federal grant award in the amount of \$708,360 to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, sub-granted through the State of California, Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Council approval is requested for submission of the grant application and participation in the grant projects, if the Department's application is accepted and an award made. There is no cash match requirement for this grant.

**KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE**

This grant program balances the three key objectives of prudent Financial Management, Employee Satisfaction, and Customer Satisfaction. By bringing in outside funding to provide program enhancements to the City's existing interoperable communications efforts and provide funding for new projects we are able to enhance interoperable communications between first responders and other government and non-governmental organizations.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2003 the City of Fresno, in conjunction with the County of Fresno, applied for and was recognized as a federal urban area for the purposes of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The Fresno Urban Area defined the City of Fresno as the core city and the County of Fresno, and all incorporated cities within the County, as jurisdictions.

In February of 2004, the Fresno Urban Area was awarded approximately \$7 million in UASI grant funding. Under the UASI program the urban area established the Fresno Urban Area Work Group (FUAWG), which serves in an advisory capacity to the UASI Points of Contact (POC). The POCs designated are currently Chief Jerry Dyer of the Fresno Police Department and Sheriff Margaret Mims of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. The focus of the FUAWG and the Points of Contact was to build a state-of-the art, robust interoperable communications system that would allow first responders throughout Fresno County to communicate with one another during critical events. By using radio dispatching equipment that can merge the disparate frequencies of numerous agencies, coupled with a network of microwave transceivers, all first responders in Fresno County (law enforcement, fire and EMS) will be able to communicate seamlessly over existing radio channels. In December of 2006 the FY 2004 UASI grant was successfully completed.

In October of 2007, the Fresno Urban Area was notified that a new grant opportunity was available. The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce and administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), provided almost one billion dollars to develop and/or enhance interoperable communications nationwide. California received approximately \$95 million in grant funding from this award, which is administered and managed by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

In April of 2008, the Fresno Police Department, representing the Fresno Urban Area, was awarded \$5.4 million in PSIC grant funding. This funding supports new development or enhancement of existing interoperable communications technology throughout the Central Planning Area of the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC), which includes the counties of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced and Mariposa. The Fresno Urban Area, through the Fresno Police Department, was designated by the State as the management and administrative body for this grant.

The Fresno Police Department, representing the Fresno Urban Area, has been offered the opportunity to apply for the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program (IECGP), which provides planning, personnel, training and exercise funding in support of interoperable communications projects within the CALSIEC Central Planning Area. In essence, the IECGP grant provides \$708,360 in financial management, administration and personnel support for the PSIC grant, which is almost exclusively focused on equipment purchases. Like the PSIC grant, this funding will be used to support development of new technology or enhance existing technology to support interoperable communications projects throughout the CALSIEC Central Planning Area. The Fresno Urban Area, through the Fresno Police Department, will also be designated by the State as the management and administrative body for this grant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. There is no cash match requirement for the IECGP grant.

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Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO  
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FOR INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
GRANT PROGRAM (IECGP) AND COMPLETION OF  
RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (CITY) desires to receive and utilize state grant funds available through the Department of Homeland Security for Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (hereafter referred to as OHS); and

WHEREAS, the procedures established by OHS require the applicant to submit a resolution from its governing board authorizing submission of the IECGP Application and execution of related documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno:

Section 1. The Chief of Police or his designee for the City of Fresno is authorized on behalf of the CITY to submit the IECGP application for CITY Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and sign the Grant Agreement and Grant Assurances with the OHS, including any amendments thereof, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

Section 2. The CITY agrees to abide by the statutes and regulations governing the IECGP Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by OHS.

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Section 3. The grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this governing body.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH  
City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By *Nancy A. Alger* *9/17/08*  
Nancy A. Alger Date  
Senior Deputy