



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds to purchase Bomb Unit (EOD) equipment for the Merced Police Department Bomb Team

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting FY 2017 SHSGP grant funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 as revenue in account 001-1002-324-02-00; and,
- B. Appropriating \$3,000.00 to Machinery/Equipment expense account 001-1002-523-43-00; and,
- C. Approving the use of pooled cash until reimbursement from the grant is received; and,
- D. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future meeting.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200 - Powers.
Charter of the City of Merced, Section 405 - Powers Vested in the City Council.
Charter of the City of Merced, Section 1105 - Budget Appropriations.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As it relates to Council priority for Public Safety.

DISCUSSION

The Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) has awarded funds through the FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). The scope of the grant includes funding for

emergency management equipment, Incident Command System training, law enforcement equipment, fire department equipment, and Health Department equipment. Within the parameters and requirements of the grant program, monies have been awarded by the Merced Big 5 Committee to the individual agencies and jurisdictions within the County.

On December 14, 2017, the City of Merced Police Department was awarded \$3,000.00 of the FY 2017 SHSGP funds to purchase EOD Unit equipment. The Merced Police Department has a Bomb Unit that services not only the City of Merced but Merced and Mariposa Counties as well. A Bomb Squad is defined as: a bomb response organization consisting of at least one bomb team that meets Type I or Type II standards as defined in Section 7.1 of the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians, published by the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The duties of the team are to: render safe and/or remove suspected Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), incendiary devices, military ordinance, explosives, explosive chemicals, pyrotechnics and military ammunition of .50 caliber and above. In addition, the Bomb Unit provides support to the department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team at a minimum in the following areas:

- Crisis negotiations
- Breaching
- Render-safe procedures (RSP)
- Identification and elimination of booby traps

The grant funds will allow the Bomb Unit to have the necessary equipment for testing of electrical circuitry while investigating suspicious packages. The funds will be used to purchase specialized testing meters, allowing Unit members to respond to active scenes with explosive devices and be able to test electrical circuitry.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The acceptance of this grant funding will cover the purchase of the desired equipment for the Bomb Unit.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments available.