



## City Council Staff Report

DATE: January 7, 2009 CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: ACCEPT A FY/O8 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,494.00

FROM: David Ready, City Manager

BY: Palm Springs Fire Department

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### SUMMARY

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept \$365,494.00 in State Homeland Security Grant funding for the Fire and Police Departments in the amount of \$365,494.00. These grant funds will be used to enhance the new radio interoperability system, purchase a heavy duty truck to transport specialized rescue equipment and provide materials for the CERT program.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Accept a grant from the California Department of Homeland Security through the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$365,494.00 and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

### STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Fire and Police Departments submitted grant applications to the Riverside County Anti Terrorism Approval Authority for projects that will enhance our ability to plan for and respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Incidents (CBRNE). This was a very competitive grant process as numerous cities and agencies throughout the County submitted projects for consideration.

The Anti Terrorism Approval Authority recommended to the State Department of Homeland Security that the City of Palm Springs receive a total of four (4) reimbursable grants. The approved grants are:

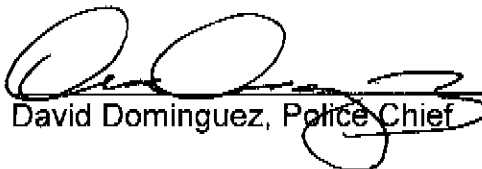
- 1) Motorola mobile and portable handheld 800 MHz radios for the ERICA Radio interoperability project in the amount of \$247,846.00.
- 2) Handheld portable radios for the fire department in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- 3) Purchase of one heavy duty truck to store and transport specialized technical rescue equipment as part of the County Fire Chief's Urban Search and Rescue program in the amount of \$91,825.00.
- 4) Training materials and supplies for the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in the amount of \$5,823.00.


The equipment must be purchased, received and paid for by October 31, 2009 in order to receive 100% reimbursement. This grant will allow the city's public safety departments to have an enhanced ability to communicate and respond to all emergencies, but especially terrorism related incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. This is a reimbursable cost grant program. No matching funds are required to obtain this additional grant funding.

  
Blake G. Goetz, Fire Chief

  
David Dominguez, Police Chief

  
David H. Ready, City Manager



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December 11, 2008

Chief Blake Goetz  
300 N. El Cielo Road  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

RE: FY08 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Application Approval

Dear Chief Goetz;

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) has approved Riverside County's FY08 HSGP application and has authorized the commencement of expenditures and reimbursement requests. The overall performance period of this grant is 10/23/08 – 2/28/11. Equipment purchases must be completed no later than 10/31/2009, which means that the equipment must be purchased, received and paid for by that date.

This letter serves as your authorization to begin spending and requesting reimbursement of your Anti Terrorism Approval Authority (ATAA) approved projects. Please remember that changes to your grant will require the approval of ATAA prior to incurring any costs and all modifications and sole source procurement requests require additional approvals from OHS prior to incurring any costs. Your Agency's Financial Workbook outlining your approved spending will be sent via email. Please print it out and add it to the folder that was provided to you at the workshop.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to working with you and appreciate your cooperation and support.

Regards,

Kim Dana  
Administrative Services Analyst II  
Riverside County Fire/OES

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