



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 15, 2015
Item Number: D-11
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Dominick Rivetti, Chief of Police
Subject: **APPROPRIATION OF \$154,000 FROM THE SEIZED & FORFEITED PROPERTY FUND TO ENHANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**
Attachments: None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to appropriate \$154,000 from the Fund 32 fund balance (Federal/Justice Program #3202105E126) to fund purchases for the Police Department as follows:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
731200- ONE-TIME CONSULTING SERVICES	\$ 76,000.00
Property Room Reconfiguration	\$ 20,000.00
Professional Services for Professional Standards Unit	\$ 30,000.00
National Automated License Plate Reader Data Base Subscription	\$ 26,000.00
740200- OFFICE FURNISHINGS	\$ 45,000.00
Lockers for Police Sub garage	\$ 40,000.00
Ergonomic Modifications to Furniture	\$ 5,000.00
722000- FIRE & OTHER SAFETY MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES	\$ 20,000.00
Vest Covers	\$ 20,000.00
740400- OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000.00
Identification Card Printing Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
741610- COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 8,000.00
Traffic Reconstruction Software	\$ 8,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 154,000.00

INTRODUCTION

The Police Department has identified the need for additional expenditures. These purchases will be made in FY15/16 with funds acquired under the federal asset forfeiture program.

DISCUSSION

Property Room Reconfiguration

The BHPD Property & Evidence Area reconfiguration will provide a secondary level of security for “high risk” items such as firearms and drugs by creating a secure “safe-room” inside the Property & Evidence Area. This safe-room will be reinforced, locked with extremely limited access, alarmed, and monitored via video surveillance. This proposed configuration is the current basic standard for providing a safe and secure evidence storage facility. This structure safeguards both the property/evidence warehoused, as well as the public trust should departmental integrity be questioned via claims of tampered, missing, or stolen property/evidence. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$20,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Professional Services for Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) uses contractual outside investigators to assist with sensitive investigations, to assist with workload, and to expedite the investigation of allegations of personnel misconduct. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

National Data Base

The Police Department is seeking to enhance the capabilities of its existing Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) database by adding access to National License Plate Reader (LPR) data. This purchase would assist detectives in their investigation of crimes by providing them with access to a web-based application containing both nationwide law enforcement and privately collected LPR data. This data now includes over 3 billion records—over 400 million of which are in the Los Angeles area. In addition to accessing nationwide LPR data, the application offers comprehensive analytical features which can be applied to the City’s existing ALPR database. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$26,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Lockers

The A-Level departmental vehicle parking area will be improved by adding gear lockers adjacent to the vehicle parking spaces. These lockers will provide patrol officers a secure, convenient, and organized location to temporarily store the large amount of equipment they must move in and out of their patrol vehicles each shift.

The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$40,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Cubicle Modifications

There are three cubicles in the Office of the Chief and one in the Personnel and Training office that need modifications in order to meet ergonomic recommendations made by the City's Safety Officer. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$5,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Vest Covers

Police officers are susceptible to lower back injuries due to the heavy "Sam Brown" duty belts they wear to carry their equipment. Some of these belts can weigh as much as 30 pounds. The vest carriers allow officers to hold heavy equipment (radios, ammo, expandable baton, TASER) on their vest, thus redistributing weight off the Sam Brown belt to the vest carrier which eases the pressure off the lower back and reducing potential for injury. Vest covers are designed for external wear, meaning that they are worn over a base shirt and are part of the patrol officer's uniform. These custom designed vest carriers have numerous pockets and compartments that allow officers to carry their police issued equipment the recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$20,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Identification Card Printing Equipment

The Police Department plans to modernize its Identification Card System to a more efficient, dual sided, computer generated system. This modernization will allow for a more secure and efficient generation of identification cards for both Police Department employees and persons required by the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to possess identification cards in order to conduct certain business activities in the City. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$5,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

Traffic Reconstruction Software

Staff has identified the need to purchase additional software to enhance the Police Department's laser mapping system capabilities. This system is used to reconstruct traffic collision and major crime scenes. New software that was previously unavailable can now handle up to 2 billion data points, can more easily process the data collected and provide more detailed diagrams, and will better utilize the functional capabilities of the department's current equipment. The recommended motion requests that the City Council appropriate \$8,000 from the Seized & Forfeited Property Fund for these expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with these purchases total \$154,000 and will be made with funds from the Seized and Forfeited Property Fund. These restricted funds have been received as a result of federal asset seizures and may only be used to enhance the operations of the Police Department. The lockers that are being purchased will be added to the Department's Equipment 400 list. They have an expected life of 15 years and will result in an increase of approximately \$3,000 per year in Internal Service Fund charges. There will be a budget enhancement form submitted for fiscal year 2016-17 to

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request the renewal fee for the National Data Base. The Traffic Reconstruction Software includes four years of support and maintenance.



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Finance Approval



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