

DATE: November 13, 2007

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 8158 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN’S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

In fiscal year 1996-1997 the State of California first enacted the Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) program under Assembly Bill (AB) 3229. Under this program, cities and counties receive state funds to augment front-line police services. Grant awards are based on per capita population, with \$100,000 being the minimum guaranteed award. The City of Folsom grant award for FY 2007-2008 is \$136,209. On-going funding under this program is not guaranteed but, the Governor has signed an extension of this program through 2007.

Cities are required to appropriate Citizen’s Option for Public Safety revenues to fund front-line municipal services. These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a request from the Police Chief or the Chief Administrator of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the respective city. The request for use of this funding shall specify the front-line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel, equipment, and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

POLICY / RULE

The Citizen’s Option for Public Safety program requires a separate budget appropriation for continued funding. The funds must be used to supplement and not supplant existing local funding for law enforcement services.

The City Council is required to hold a public hearing each year to consider the request of the Police Chief for the use of these state funds. The City Council must consider this request separate and apart from the proposed allocations from the City’s General Fund.

ANALYSIS

These funds cannot be used for administrative overhead allocations in excess of 0.5 percent. Nor can the allocation be used to fund the costs of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support front-line law enforcement services. The police department deploys Mobile Data Computers (MDC) in all patrol vehicles. The FY 2006-2007 allocation began the process of replacing 35 MDC's that no longer support the current report writing software or have GPS capability. 16 computers have been purchased and replacement of the remaining 19 will cost \$161,092.

The Police Chief requests that the AB3229 Citizen's Option for Public Safety state funds in the amount of \$136,209 be used to purchase 16 replacement MDC's and supporting hardware/software at a cost of \$135,656.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no matching requirements for the AB3229 funds and no direct impact on the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 8158 – A Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant for the Purchase of Equipment in Accordance with State Requirements.

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the public hearing on the use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety funding and adopt Resolution No. – A Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant for the Purchase of Equipment in Accordance with State Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam L. Spiegel, Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 8158

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 SUPPLEMENTAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program, under Assembly Bill (AB) 3229, to fund front line law enforcement services; and,

WHEREAS, the COPS funding available to the City of Folsom for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$136,209; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested to utilize these funds for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers and supporting hardware/software; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has held the required public hearing to consider the request of the Chief of Police for the use of these state funds separate and apart from the proposed allocations from the City's General Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby authorizes the use of the AB3229, Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) state funding in accordance with the request of the Chief of Police to purchase 16 sixteen Mobile Data Computers and supporting hardware/software at a cost of \$135,656.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of November, 2007, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Andrew J. Morin, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK