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Agenda Item No.: 4

Date: March 9, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Michael Lowry, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FY10 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Grant Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council accept \$317,323 in funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the FY10 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). It is also requested that Council authorize the Fire Chief to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents required for the management of this grant and that Council approve the necessary budget adjustment to establish new projects for tracking of these grant funds.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The SHSGP is 100% federally funded. No matching funds are required and the City will be reimbursed for all expenditures. With Council approval, the City will receive a total of \$317,323 and funds will be used for the following items:

- \$45,151 – Strengthen Communications Capabilities: Funds in this category will be used to purchase portable and mobile radios and a rescue phone for Police and Fire first responders;
- \$175,214 – Strengthen Information Sharing, Collaboration Capabilities and Law Enforcement Investigations: Funds will be used for a high volume color printer and a plotter for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), laptop computers, surveillance trackers and service, costs for part-time personnel to develop maps and to update pre-incident maps, and the EOC dispatch console including software and training costs.
- \$33,390 – Strengthen Citizen Preparedness & Participation: Funds will be used to continue support for Emergency Management activities and the Escondido CERT program.
- \$63,568 – Enhance Catastrophic Incident Planning and Response Capabilities: Funds will be used for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) cylinders, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), flashlights and gunshot trauma kits.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On May 14, 2003 Council authorized the Fire Chief to participate in the DHS Homeland Security Grant Program. Council has approved several previous items relating to the SHSGP. Under this multi-year grant program, Council has accepted funds from FY02 through FY09. The most recent Council action was taken on February 10, 2009 when Council authorized the acceptance of the FY09 SHSGP grant.

BACKGROUND:

The SHSGP is multi-year grant program. The City began receiving DHS grant funding in 2003 and funding has continued each subsequent year at varying levels. The FY10 SHSGP is a continuation of Federal funding from the DHS. Previous funding has been used to purchase items for Police and Fire first responders such as: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), breathing apparatus, HazMat bags, boots, gloves, and suits, an Explosive Detection K-9, thermal imagers, chemical and radiological detection equipment, portable and mobile radios (for Police, Fire and Public Works), surveillance equipment for City Hall, and most recently for the Police/Fire Mobile Command Vehicle. In addition, funds have also been used for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercises and Emergency Management training and planning.

SUMMARY:

The SHSGP funds are intended to enhance first responder safety and readiness when responding to acts of terrorism as well as other natural or man-made disasters. Equipment and training provided with these grant funds are invaluable and will improve our ability to respond to numerous types of incidents, whether it be an act of terrorism, a major wildland fire or a building collapse caused by a major earthquake. Without these grants a significant amount of funding from the City's general fund would be required to meet the needs of these unique types of incidents. The FY10 SHSGP funds will be used to continue strengthening and sustaining the City's preparedness capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lowry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Lowry
Fire Chief



CITY OF ESCONDIDO
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Date of Request: March 9, 2011
Department: Fire Department
Division: Administration
Project/Budget Manager: Lisa Palmer 5407
Name Extension
Council Date (if applicable): March 9, 2011
(attach copy of staff report)

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Log # _____
Fiscal Year _____
____ Budget Balances
____ General Fund Accts
____ Revenue
____ Interfund Transfers
____ Fund Balance

Project/Account Description	Account Number	Amount of Increase	Amount of Decrease
State Homeland Security Grant Program - Equipment	451-New Project	229,793	
State Homeland Security Grant Program - Planning	451-New Project	78,220	
State Homeland Security Grant Program - Training	451-New Project	9,310	
Federal Grant - Reimbursement (Revenue)	4128-451	317,323	

Explanation of Request:

The Police and Fire Departments are requesting a budget adjustment in order to establish projects to track funding for the grant award of \$317,323 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the FY10 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).

APPROVALS

Department Head

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City Manager

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Finance

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City Clerk

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