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Agenda Item No.: 7

Date: May 23, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Michael Lowry, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FY11 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Grant Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council accept \$215,462 in funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the FY11 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 \$215,462 and funds will be used for the following items:

- \$138,246 – Strengthen Communications Capabilities: Funds in this category will be used to purchase wireless communication devices and portable radios for Police and Fire first responders.
- \$57,216 – Strengthen Information Sharing, Collaboration Capabilities and Law Enforcement Investigations: These funds will be used to purchase helmets, binoculars, a ballistic shield, a key fob video/audio recorder, a night vision scope and lens, a surveillance camera, and costs for part-time personnel to develop maps and to update pre-incident maps.
- \$20,000 – Strengthen Citizen Preparedness & Participation: Funds will be used to continue support for Emergency Management activities and the Escondido CERT program.

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 FY10. The most recent Council action was taken on March 9, 2011, when Council authorized the acceptance of the FY10 SHSGP grant.

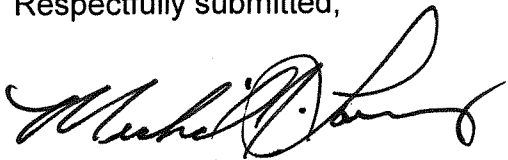
BACKGROUND:

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 FY11 SHSGP is a continuation of Federal funding from the DHS. An example of some items purchased from previous DHS funding for Police and Fire first responders are: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), breathing apparatus, Hazardous Material bags, boots, gloves, 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 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 FY11 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: May 10, 2012

Department: Fire Department

Division: Administration

Project/Budget Manager: Lisa Palmer 5407
Name Extension

Council Date (if applicable): May 23, 2012
(attach copy of staff report)

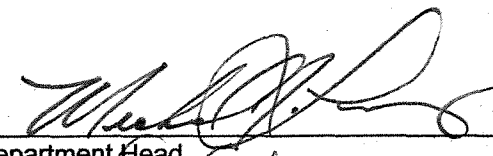
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Project/Account Description	Account Number	Amount of Increase	Amount of Decrease
SHSGP - Equipment	451 - New Project	168,366	
SHSGP - Planning	451 - New Project	47,096	
Federal Grant - Revenue	4128-451	215,462	

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 \$215,462 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the FY2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).

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