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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Ernest M. Klevesahl, Jr., Chief of Police
Dennis Groat, Fire Chief
Bruce Moe, Finance Director
John Dye, Police Lieutenant

DATE: February 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Authorize and Appropriate Funds for Grant Funded Purchases of State Homeland Security Program Grant Equipment in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$91,352.94

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) adopt Resolution No. 5962 approving and accepting the State Homeland Security Program Grant; b) appropriate \$91,352.94 from the General Fund to be offset by reimbursement of funds from the State Homeland Security Program; c) where applicable, waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers); and d) authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the purchase of the items listed within this staff report in the total amount of \$91,352.94.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The total cost of equipment purchases under this grant is \$91,352.94. These are not budgeted items in the City's FY 2004-2005 adopted operating budget. The Office for Domestic Preparedness has allocated grant funds which are administered by the State of California. This grant is a full reimbursement program, wherein, the City must purchase the approved items and submit a request for reimbursement. As a result, an appropriation from the General Fund is needed to advance the funds that will be reimbursed to the City after purchase of the approved equipment. There are no City matching funds required.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Manhattan Beach has submitted an application for a reimbursable FY 2004 State Homeland Security Program Grant. This grant is restricted to equipment purchases that will establish or enhance State Homeland Security initiatives in both Law Enforcement and Fire programs. Grant funding was approved by the State of California on July 1, 2004.

DISCUSSION:

In March 2004, an evaluation committee was formed to assess and prioritize the types of equipment that could be purchased using the available grant funds.

The committee identified several important areas in which State Homeland Security Funds could be used to obtain new equipment to enhance our ability as a City to identify and respond to a terrorist event. Each of the identified items has been approved by the State of California Office of Emergency Services, to be purchase as part of the FY 2004 Homeland Security Program Grant.

Item #1 – Emergency Response Truck (\$34,748.25)

The City currently has an Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer which is set up to function as an in-field command center. This Mobile Command Post trailer may be utilized as a secondary location when the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is functioning, or in case of the unavailability of the primary EOC, the Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer will be set up to function as the primary command center during a City emergency. The Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer is 26’ long and is currently towed to its needed location by our contract tow company. In the event of a terrorist incident or natural disaster the tow company may not be able to arrive at our location in a timely manner, if at all, to tow our Command Post trailer to the incident location. The committee decided that it would be beneficial to the community, that we have our own truck to be able to tow the Command Post trailer without relying on a third party to perform this service. A Ford F450 Pick-up truck was identified to have the required sufficient towing and haul capacities needed to carry out this assignment. The Ford F450 truck will also be able to carry other emergency equipment to an incident location even if the Command Post trailer is not needed. This purchase will greatly enhance our ability to respond in a timely and sufficient manner to carry out any community emergency response needs. Grant funds in the amount of \$34,748.25 are allocated to this item. Staff will solicit bids and is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to award an order administratively.

Item #2 – Water System Surveillance Equipment (\$24,349)

The City’s water supply system includes a water reservoir and water tower. The evaluation committee determined that an improved security and surveillance system would be beneficial to monitor activities at the water reservoir and water tower. This improvement will help to better secure the location and dissuade vandals or terrorists from accessing these sites. Protection of the City’s water system is a concern for the City and all community members. Staff will solicit bids and is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to award an order administratively.

Item #3 – Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders (\$7,955.73)

A prior State Homeland Security Grant was used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for many Police Department First Responders. It is desired to use additional money from this grant to purchase additional PPE for the remaining First Responders. The PPE includes items such as, a specialized gas mask, outer protective suit, protective boots and gloves. These items are contained within a carrying bag that First Responders will be able to take into the field while performing their duties. The previous purchase was made from Adamson Industries and staff recommends the same items be purchased so as to not to have another variation from another vendor.

Item #4 – Enhanced Communication Equipment for the City EOC (\$19,699.33)

The City currently operates the Emergency Operations Center located within the lower level of City Hall. The evaluation committee identified a need for improved communications headsets for both the City Hall EOC and the Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer. It was determined that a wireless IP Mobile Net Data Radio Modem computer would be beneficial to have at both the City Hall EOC and the Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer. In the event of a power outage a wireless system would still be able to communicate with outside emergency agencies. Antennas, cables and roof installation would be needed to complete the system at both locations. Items purchased for the EOC may be installed in either the current EOC or new Public Safety Facility EOC once completed.

Item #5 – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Upgrades (\$4,600.63)

The Fire Department currently has twenty-four Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. These units are standard equipment and are not resistant to Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear (CBRN) threats. The Fire Department wants to begin the process of upgrading this type of apparatus with CBRN resistant hoses, gaskets, filters, etc., so in case of an exposure, their breathing apparatus will continue working properly and to prevent contamination of their air supply. This will allow the Fire Department First Responders to continue working to resolve any medical or fire emergency that arose during a CBRN incident. Grant funds will allow approximately one-third of the breathing apparatus to be upgraded. Funding for additional upgrades will be sought through other sources.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 5962 and authorize the appropriation of General Fund money in an amount not to exceed \$91,352.94 to purchase equipment through a reimbursable FY2004 Homeland Security Grant. Staff believes these items will make valuable enhancements to our ability to respond to a terrorist event.

Attachment: Resolution No. 5962

RESOLUTION NO. 5962

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UNDER A REIMBURSEABLE FISCAL YEAR 2004 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE GRANT FUNDS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, has been notified of its eligibility to participate in a State Homeland Security Program Grant and receive reimbursement for expended funds of approved equipment; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has determined that the highest priority for the use of these funds exists in the area of security and surveillance equipment for the City's water reservoir, communication upgrades for the Emergency Operations Center and the Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer, a vehicle to transport the Emergency Mobile Command Post trailer, Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders, and upgrades to self contained breathing apparatus.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, FIND, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The expenditure of funds for a reimbursable grant as recommended by City Staff is consistent with the City's intent of improving Homeland Security preparations which will enhance the delivery of police and fire services within the City of Manhattan Beach.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to make a budget adjustment and transfer General Fund money to pay for grant expenditures in an amount of \$91,352.94.

SECTION 3. The City Manager and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents related to this grant and to make General Fund expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$91,352.94.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall make this resolution available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2005.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk