


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-414	Meeting:	October 5, 2020
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	20-1578
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to accept the FY 2020 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office School Violence Prevention Program grant award.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department, in partnership with the Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS), has been awarded the FY 2020 COPS Office School Violence Prevention grant. The funding will support the purchase of new digital radios for the DMPS Public Safety unit that are compatible with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communication System (ISICS.) The Police Department previously purchased digital radios that are compatible with ISICS through another project. The awarded funds will support the annual license fees for these radios over a 2-year period in efforts to delay the budgetary impact.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total amount of the award is \$219,874 and has a matching fund requirement of \$73,291.

	<u>Grant Funds</u>	<u>Match</u>
DMPS	\$51,124	\$17,041
City of Des Moines	\$168,750	\$56,250

Funding Source: The City's match requirement will be funded through Asset Forfeiture Funds. Special Revenues on page 207 of the Recommended Operating Budget, Department Detail for FY 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program grant provides funding directly to state and units of local government for the purpose of improving security at schools and on school grounds. The application, approved during the May 18, 2020 Council meeting, was written and submitted in collaboration with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) Public Safety Office to request funds to support emergency radio communications between the schools and the City emergency response services. The award of grant funds to support the project was announced by the COPS office of the Department of Justice on September 1, 2020.

- The DMPS will purchase and install new digital radios compatible with the ISICS for their Public Safety unit. The programming of the new radios will require coordination with the Des Moines Radio Services to allow the radios to communicate with other ISICS users such as the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments. The school will also use the funding to assist with the creation of an emergency communication plan.
- The Police Department will use the funding to support the second and third-year licenses for the digital portable radios being purchased through the Radio Replacement project. This funding will delay the budgetary impact of the licenses on the general fund.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 18, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0834](#)

Action: [Application](#) in partnership with the Des Moines Public Schools for FY 2020 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program Grant to the Department of Justice, \$219,874. ([Council Communication No. 20-231](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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