



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 21, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY ENTITLED, AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER OR PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS (PSIC) GRANT.

**DATE:** MARCH 26, 2009

**FROM:** FINANCE DEPARTMENT – GRANT ADMINISTRATION

**PRESENTATION BY:** LYNDA M. JENKINS, GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1) Adopt a resolution that authorizes the city manager or his designee to execute an agreement with Orange County entitled, Agreement to Transfer or Purchase Equipment for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant.
- 2) Authorize Police and Fire Departments to accept PSIC reimbursement funds allocated to the City of Costa Mesa in an amount not to exceed \$146,000. This amount will reimburse eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the radios not including sales tax, shipping or \$50.00 programming fees per radio.
- 3) Approve Budget Adjustment No. 09-XXX for appropriation of the grant funds to the Police and Fire Department's operating budgets.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2008, Orange County received a Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant to provide 700 MHz radios for interoperability throughout the County of Orange. The grant provides for the installation of new 700 MHz base stations at several radio sites, as well as new portable radios for Police and Fire first responders.

The purpose of this grant is to grow the county's capability to provide for radio communications interoperability among various local, state and federal first responders who might have occasion to be working in Orange County. This is similar to the way Mutual Aid works, except there will be a new 700 MHz radio band. These new 700 MHz channels will be usable on their own, or they can be patched to any of the current 800 MHz channels.

This grant will enable Costa Mesa, as an eligible agency, to acquire new, full-featured 700/800 MHz radios for only a 20% matching contribution. This grant funded opportunity will enable Costa Mesa Fire and Police Departments to replace older portable radios that do not operate on 700 MHz and do not contain the latest features for 20% of the cost.

This grant is a reimbursement grant meaning cities must expend their own funds for equipment, then apply for reimbursement of their expenditures.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City of Costa Mesa was deemed eligible to purchase 44 radios for the Police Department and 20 for the Fire Department. These numbers are based on the current number of radios. However, the Police Department will purchase 25 radios and 11 chargers and the Fire Department will purchase 11 radios and 5 chargers. This grant will enable the City to purchase 36 radios and 20 chargers with 80% of the costs being reimbursable.

The Finance Department will track the City's expenditures associated with this reimbursable equipment grant. Personnel from the Police and Fire Departments and our residents, visitors, and businesses will benefit from our ability to have this expanded technology for 20% of the cost. If approved, the Police and Fire Departments will process all the reimbursement requests to PSIC Grant staff on behalf of the city.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council could elect not to accept the reimbursable funds made available through the PSIC Grant. This would mean all interoperable radios would have to be purchased at 100% of the cost rather than 20%.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

This agreement will enable our Fire and Police first responders to obtain interoperable radios for 20% of the cost, on a reimbursement basis.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the agreement between the County of Orange and the City of Costa Mesa and has approved it as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution and authorize the acceptance of this reimbursable grant allocated to the City of Costa Mesa in an amount not to exceed \$146,000. This amount will reimburse 80% of the equipment costs of these radios, excluding tax, shipping and programming.

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Finance Director  
City Clerk  
Police Chief  
Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Council Resolution](#)  
2 [Agreement to Transfer or Purchase  
Equipment or Services for PSIC Grant](#)  
3 [Budget Adjustment No. 09-XXX](#)