



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: JULY 21, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR FY 08-09 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

**DATE:** July 16, 2009

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT / ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** CHRISTOPHER SHAWKEY, CHIEF OF POLICE

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt resolution authorizing the chief of police or his designee, on behalf of the Costa Mesa Police and Fire Departments, to enter an agreement with the County of Orange to reimburse training expenses and receive equipment under the Fiscal Year 08-09 Homeland Security Grant Program.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Homeland Security Appropriations Act provides funding and equipment to train first responders against the threat of terrorism. The Department of Homeland Security and the Office for Domestic Preparedness have consolidated several funding programs under the Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding programs included in the accompanying 2008 transfer agreement letter are the State Homeland Security Grant Program, which provides funding for specialized equipment, exercises, training, and planning costs associated with updating and implementing each State's Homeland Security Strategy; and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, which provides funds to improve information sharing, target hardening, etc. to prevent terrorism-related threats.

In response to its 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program application, the County of Orange received over \$7 million. On behalf of the Office of Homeland Security, the County of Orange will facilitate equipment distribution and training reimbursement to individual cities, including Costa Mesa. Receipt of equipment and training reimbursement from the county will require a transfer agreement letter signed by the chief of police or his designee.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The Homeland Security Grant Program will fund approved training and equipment to prepare for and protect against terrorism.

Fiscal Year 08-09 benefits Costa Mesa is eligible to directly receive are:

1. Personal protective equipment replenishment;
2. Emergency Response to Terrorism Incidents training reimbursement;
3. Command Officers Response to Terrorism training reimbursement; and
4. Terrorism Liaison Officer training reimbursement.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Not required on this item.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

Adoption of the resolution authorizing participation in the agreement with the County of Orange obligates the City to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement with respect to how the funds are spent and the program administered in certain respects. Funds expended for this program outside the terms and conditions of the agreement may not be reimbursable.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Not required on this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

Entering into the Fiscal Year 08-09 Homeland Security Grant Program will benefit the police and fire departments. Accepting grant funds and equipment will allow for greater terrorism preparedness for police and fire personnel without impacting the general fund.

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- ATTACHMENTS:    1    [Governing Body Resolution](#)  
                          2    [Agreement to Transfer Property or  
                                 Funds for FY08 Homeland Security  
                                 Grant Purposes](#)