



City of Oceanside

300 North Coast Highway,
Oceanside, California 92054

Staff Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

TITLE: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COPS 2024 GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Police and Fire Commission recommend that the City Council accept and appropriate \$264,816 in grant funds from the State of California Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount (ELEAS) awarded to the City for the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) 2024 Grant Program; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City has received COPS Grant funds from the State of California since the inception of the Program in Fiscal Year 1996-97. The City has established an interest-bearing State Supplement Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) account, as required by statute. In previous years, the COPS grants have been used to fund overtime personnel and equipment, consistent with the guidelines set forth in California Government Code Sections 30061.

In September 2024, the Oceanside Police Department (OPD) was notified that the City's share of COPS 2024 funds is estimated to be \$264,816. Based on prior years, the estimated allocation amount has always differed from the funds received. If additional COPS 2024 funding becomes available, staff will submit an additional staff report with spending recommendations.

The County of San Diego will disburse the quarterly funds to the City within 30 days of receipt from the State. OPD staff has prepared a budget for a total of \$264,816.

The programs to be funded are as follows (note that consideration of the Drone as First Responder program is included as a separate item on this agenda):

- Flying Lion - \$143,600 - Staffing of a visual observer, who will be provided Unmanned Air System (UAS) pilot training and be solely dedicated to the Drone as First Responder (DFR) and Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) program.
- Axon - \$34,460 - Software and support to implement DFR operations.

- Fly Motion, LLC - \$33,355 - New drone hardware and accessories to supply DFR program.
- Miscellaneous equipment and supplies - \$53,401 - Computers, monitors, televisions, desks, IT -related costs, and software necessary to support DFR and RTCC program efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

The State of California has disbursed the funds to the City, which are being held in fund balance. There are no matching fund requirements from the City.

Expenditures	Appropriation	Account Number
Revenues:		
COPS 2024 Additional Grant Funds	\$264,816	817140424217.4376
Expenses:		
Flying Lion	143,600	817140424217.5305
Axon	34,460	817140424217.5335.0009
Fly Motion, LLC	33,355	817140424217.5704
Equipment and Supplies	26,701	817140424217.5330
Software	26,700	817140424217.5355.0009
Total Grant Appropriation	\$264,816	

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police and Fire Commission approved staff's recommendation at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2025.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The City Attorney has reviewed the referenced documents and approved as to form.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Report
2. COPS 2024 Award Letter