

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ALASKA STATE TROOPERS EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY GRANT FOR \$63,879

REQUESTED BY: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Finance

DATE: December 4, 2001

FOR AGENDA OF: December 10, 2001

SUMMARY:

To accept the Alaska Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers Equipment Technology grant of \$63,879, for purchase and installation of various Police audio/video surveillance and officer radio equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$63,879

Fund: 01

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council Approval of Resolution

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachment: Approved request including budget

Presented with: Res 01-53
Date: 12/10/01 Verified by: TV

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Date: December 4, 2001 Time: _____

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From: Catherine Katsel, Grants Manager

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Message: As part of the State of Alaska's award through the 2001 COPS Technology Grant for Modernizing Police Equipment, the City of Wasilla is approved for \$63,879.

Attached is a copy of the State's proposal referencing the City of Wasilla, narrative and budget. This budget has been approved by the US Department of Justice, COPS Office.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sender: _____

City of Wasilla

Description of Existing Problem(s)

The City of Wasilla's Police Department currently has two in-car video systems. One works and the other does not. The technicians who have worked on the two systems have advised the Chief that they need to be replaced. These two systems are at least five years old and are not compatible with the newer technologies. Over eight in-car video systems are needed in the City of Wasilla.

The City of Wasilla has no surveillance systems for the police department or for the areas of the city where there are periodic criminal problems.

The Wasilla Police Department's handheld radios are no longer manufactured and certain parts can no longer be acquired for them. According to the Motorola Company, after the year 2006, no parts will be available. As a result of this poor equipment, almost every day when there are radio problems it is necessary for one officer to go and check on another. Currently, the department has no spare radios for the officers and reserve officers have to work without radios. As a result, it is necessary to always pair these officers with an officer who has a radio. The Wasilla Police Department needs seventeen radios to resolve this problem.

Project Goals And Objectives

The goals and objectives are to

- increase officer safety;
- reduce criminal activity; and
- increase investigation quality.

Implementation Plans and Planned Crime Prevention

The Wasilla Police Department plans to place the surveillance systems in three places. One in the interview room in order to have evidence available for the district attorney and the court which has both audio and video information. One surveillance camera will be placed at the City's new park to help stop vandalism and deter other crimes. The other outdoor surveillance system will be placed on the new police building itself to observe the highest traffic accident intersection in the City of Wasilla. This will also help in capturing traffic patterns to reflect the problems being experienced as a result of the community's rapid rate of growth and the creation of one of the busiest intersections outside of the State's largest city which is coming about due to the re-building of the Parks Highway through the City of Wasilla.

Although seventeen handheld radios are needed to fully equip the department's commissioned staffing level, the ten radios being requested through this funding source will go to patrol officers where officer safety is the greatest issue.

Evaluation Plan

Evaluation activities will consist of a comparison in the number of criminal activity incidents reported, the number initiated by the police, and the number of law enforcement investigation cases accepted for prosecution before the Wasilla Police Department obtained these equipment items and after receipt and use of the equipment.

Officer safety will be assessed during the follow-up period and the number of times that officers need to go to another officer's location to check on the other officer will be compared to the number currently taking place.

Budget Narrative

All equipment items, installation and programming costs will be obtained through an open-competitive bidding process. When possible, efforts will be made to "piggy back" with state procurement efforts for these items.

12 Month Timeline

Month 1	Order In-car Video Systems and order MT2000 Hand Held Radios
Month 2	Awaiting In-car Video Systems and Hand Held Radio orders. Order Surveillance Systems.
Month 3	Receive MT 2000 Hand Held Radios. Proceed to set up and program.
Month 4	Receive In-Car Video Systems as well as Surveillance Systems. Proceed with installation.
Month 5	All technology hardware up and running – systems check.
Month 6	Evaluating
Month 7	Evaluating
Month 8	Evaluating
Month 9	Evaluating
Month 10	Evaluating
Month 11	Evaluating
Month 12	Submit final report to AST, Grants Office

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	# of Units	Cost per Unit	Subtotal
In Car Video Systems	8	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 41,600.00
Surveillance Systems for the Interview Room-Video, Audio and Recorder	1	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Outdoor Surveillance camera and recorder-Wonderland Park and Palmer/Wasilla	2	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00
MT2000 (Motorola) Handheld radios to include shoulder mike and ear pieces and batteries	10	\$ 880.00	\$ 8,800.00
Installation Cost per Unit	8	\$ 416.13	\$ 3,329.00
Installation cost in the interview room	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Installation costs	2	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,400.00
Programming Costs and set up	10	\$ 75.00	\$ 750.00
	TOTAL	\$	\$ 63,879.00