



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** August 17, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of Grant Funds and Purchase Phase I of Motorola Handheld Radios to be Utilized by the Beaumont Police Department**

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### **Background and Analysis:**

The Beaumont Police Department's mobile and handheld portable radios are approximately 13 years old and have reached end of life which means they are no longer serviceable. The department will need to replace and purchase approximately 90 portable handheld radios and approximately 63 mobile vehicle radios. The current XTS 2500 radios and components are obsolete and lack the technology necessary to transition to the Riverside County Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) system. At the August 3, 2021, City Council meeting, City staff was directed to seek a proposal to migrate to PSEC.

Beaumont Police staff proposes that the XTS2500 radios be replaced with Motorola APX Next Radio devices. This model meets all of the required standards and has unique features that provide for expanded capabilities. Specifically, this model can operate on LTE networks and run applications similar to a cell phone for additional communication and safety features. This model has been tested on the PSEC system and was successful in operation.

The BPD migration to PSEC is part of a complete City transition. City staff is planning to achieve the transition in three phases over the next two fiscal years. Phase I will be to purchase 28 replacement handheld portable radios with available grant funds. Phase II will be a lease for the balance of the mobile and handheld portable radios for the Police Department. This lease will be brought to City Council for consideration in September 2021. The final phase will be the replacement of radio equipment for other City operations including Public Works, Wastewater, Community Services and Transit Departments. City staff is still researching the type of equipment and radio counts needed to implement the final phase.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The first phase will purchase 28 portable radios and accessories for approximately \$252,984.98 (Attachment C). The City was awarded \$249,000 by the State Homeland Security Grant Program and these funds must be expended through November 2021. The balance of \$3,984.98 is to be paid from the Beaumont Police Department General Fund budget. City staff estimates the cost to prepare this staff report to be \$750.

**Recommended Action:**

Accept the grant funds by waiving the full reading and adopt by title only, "A Resolution of the City of Beaumont Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Applications and Documents for the Purposes of Obtaining Federal Financial Assistance Provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and Sub-Granted Through the State of California and the County of Riverside," and Approve the purchase of 28 portable handheld radios and necessary accessories in the amount of \$252,984.98.

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution to Accept Grant Funds
- B. Motorola Next Brochure
- C. Motorola Purchase Quote