



# STAFF REPORT

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## SUBJECT

**FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program and Budget Adjustment**

## DEPARTMENT

Police and Fire Departments

## RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-109 to authorize the Escondido Police Department to accept FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$86,760; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services has authorized the City of Escondido to spend its funds on equipment to support regional public safety projects. The Fire Department will receive \$45,693 and the Police Department will receive \$41,067 from this award.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

**ESSENTIAL SERVICE** – Yes, internal requirement in support of Police Services and Fire/EMS Services

**COUNCIL PRIORITY** – Improve Public Safety

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

There will be no impact on the General Fund Budget. The State Homeland Security Grant Program is federally funded. There is no match requirement.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 22, 2023, the City Council authorized the Police and Fire Departments to accept a 2022 State Homeland Security Program Grant award in the amount of \$103,872. The City of Escondido began participating in the State Homeland Security Grant Program in 2003. As a result of this program, the City of Escondido has received valuable safety equipment and preparedness funding.

## BACKGROUND

The implementation of the State Homeland Security Management Grant Program is to support state, local, tribal and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events.



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The Escondido Police and Fire Departments applied for FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds in December 2022. The departments received notification in June 2024 that the application was approved for \$86,760 in funding. The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services authorized the City of Escondido to utilize funding on equipment and planning to support regional public safety projects. The funding amount received is based on a formula that considers the jurisdiction's population and number of first responder personnel. Funds may be used to purchase the following approved items:

- \$45,693 – Fire Department – Planning
  - Development of a Recovery Plan, a Debris Removal Plan, and a Local Assistant Center (“LAC”) Plan. Having a recovery plan, debris removal plan and a LAC plan provides a framework to help residents, businesses and city government to recover more quickly from a disaster or human-made incident. These plans promote faster recovery and makes the community more resilient and resistance to future terrorism incidents.
- \$25,000 – Police Department – Intelligence Software Licenses
  - Intelligence Software Licenses - Grant funds to be used to cover the costs of forensic technology software to enhance investigative capabilities. These software packages will help analysts and detectives pinpoint areas of criminal activity. This information will be used to strategically deploy resources to prevent crimes and improve community safety.
- \$16,067 – Police Department – Desktop Computers and Monitors
  - Desktop Computers and Monitors - Grant funds to be used to cover the cost of desktop computers and monitors to be issued to Police Department personnel and can be used in the Criminal Intelligence Unit. The computers are utilized for personnel to quickly gather and monitor information related to online criminal activity and allow for them to efficiently conduct intelligence gathering for successful investigation and prosecution.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-109

## ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment “1” – Budget Adjustment