



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	4/28/2020
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10420 – A Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund (SLESF), Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant for the Purchase of Automated License Plate Reader Equipment and Other Technology in Accordance with State Requirements and Appropriation of Funds
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 10420 - A Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant for the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader equipment in accordance with state requirements and appropriation of funds.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

In fiscal year 1996/97 the State of California first enacted the Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) program under Assembly Bill 3229. Under this program, cities and counties receive state funds to augment front-line police services. Grant awards are based on per capita population, with \$100,000 being the minimum guaranteed award. The City of Folsom grant award for FY 2019/20 is estimated at \$120,993.

Government Code Section 30061 requires that these funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a request from the Police Chief or the Chief Administrator of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the respective city. The request for use of this funding shall specify the front-line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel, equipment, and programs that are necessary to meet those needs.

These Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds cannot be used for administrative overhead allocations in excess of 0.5 percent. Nor can the allocation be used to fund the costs

of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support front-line law enforcement services.

POLICY / RULE

The Citizen’s Option for Public Safety program is an on-going state program, but it requires a separate budget appropriation for continued funding. The funds must be used to supplement and not supplant existing local funding for law enforcement services.

ANALYSIS

The Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds cannot be used for administrative overhead allocations in excess of 0.5 percent. Nor can the allocation be used to fund the costs of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support front-line law enforcement services.

The City of Folsom and the Folsom Police Department are committed to utilizing technology to identify and detour criminals. Automated License Plate Readers have been extremely useful in this area and have proven to be an outstanding investigative tool, not only within the City of Folsom, but regionally.

The Folsom Police Department is also committed to updating computer equipment in the department in order to provide services to the public as well as be as efficient with staff time as possible

The Chief of Police requests approval to utilize AB3229 Citizen’s Option for Public Safety state funds in the amount of \$120,993 for the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader equipment and other technology in order to supplement the existing camera system and expand the coverage area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no matching requirements for the AB3229 funds and no direct impact on the General Fund. Because Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds are required to be separately appropriated, staff is also requesting an appropriation of \$120,993 to be added to the police department budget as COPS funding installments for fiscal year 2019/20 are received from the County of Sacramento Department of Finance.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 10420 - A Resolution Accepting Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant for the Purchase of Automated License Plate Reader Equipment and Other Technology in Accordance with State Requirements and Appropriation of Funds

Submitted,

Richard Hillman, Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 10420

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER EQUIPMENT AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program, under Assembly Bill 3229, to fund front-line law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the COPS funding available to the City of Folsom for fiscal year 2019/2020 is \$120,993; and

WHEREAS, these state funds are separate and apart from the proposed allocations from the City's general fund and an additional appropriation is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested to allocate and appropriate these funds for the purchase of Automated License Plate Reader equipment in order to supplement and expand the existing camera system, as well as other technology; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby authorizes the use of the AB3229, Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) state funding in accordance with the request of the Chief of Police to purchase Automated License Plate Reader equipment and other technology.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):
NOES: Council Member(s):
ABSENT: Council Member(s):
ABSTAIN: Council Member(s):

Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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