



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	11/12/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11494 – A Resolution Accepting Initial Funding for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grants for the Purchase of Technology, Recruiting/Promotion Services and Equipment to Improve Police Operations in Accordance with State Requirements and Appropriation of Funds in the General Grant Fund (Fund 012)
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11494 - A Resolution Accepting Initial Funding for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grants for the Purchase of Technology, Recruiting/Promotion Services and Equipment to Improve Police Operations in Accordance with State Requirements and Appropriation of Funds in the General Grant Fund (Fund 012)

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 has been awarded funding for FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$141,479.

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.

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 Citizen’s Option for Public Safety Funds cannot be used for administrative overhead allocations more than 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 deter criminals, as well as for administrative purposes like recruiting and promotion. The Folsom Police Department is also committed to acquiring and updating equipment in the department to provide services to the public as well as to 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 for FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$141,479 for the purchase of technology, recruiting/promotion services and equipment to improve police operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no matching requirements for the AB3229 funds and no direct impact on the General Fund. Because COPS Funds are required to be separately appropriated, staff is also requesting an appropriation of \$141,479 to be added to the police department budget for the FY 2025-26 COPS funding award disbursement received from the County of Sacramento Department of Finance. The appropriation will be made in the FY 2025-26 budget in the Police Department in the General Grant Fund (Fund 012).

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

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