

MEMORANDUM

Milpitas Police Department



DATE: February 28, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Julie Edmonds-Mares, City Manager
FROM: Armando Corpuz, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: **FY 2019 Citizen Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant**

The City of Milpitas anticipates receiving COPS funds from the state pursuant to Government Code 30061-30063, in the amount of \$113,782.00. These funds must be used to support front line law enforcement services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding for front line law enforcement services. No City matching funds are required.

These funds must be appropriated pursuant to written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for the City. The request must specify the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity.

Below are the planned expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2019 COPS Grant, including tax and shipping, as applicable:

1.	Polygraph Examiner	\$30,260
2.	Firearms Program Equipment	\$34,000
3.	Surveillance Equipment	\$27,500
4.	Pursuit Prevention Equipment	\$3,022
5.	Evidence Collection and Processing Equipment	\$9,500
6.	Canine Training and Equipment	\$9,500
	Total:	\$113,782

Further specifics on these spending areas are as follows:

1. Polygraph Examiner (\$30,260):

The police department utilizes a polygraph exam as a valuable tool in criminal investigations and police applicant investigations. The Police Department has two vacant polygraph examiner positions. The extensive certified training expense for a polygraph examiner is approximately \$15,130.00, per student.

2. Firearms Program Equipment and Training Equipment (\$34,000):

The purchase of handguns, rifles, less-lethal devices, less-lethal ammunition, firearm accessories, and training equipment will maintain the firearm program inventory and ensure proper training in the use of the equipment and use of force options. The police department has several new officers and equipment inventory is diminishing. The additional equipment will help ensure all sworn personnel are properly equipped and are provided necessary training.

3. Surveillance Equipment (\$27,500)

The Police Department deploys surveillance equipment in order to apprehend criminals and further criminal investigations. The police department intends to purchase surveillance camera systems, camera system accessories and binoculars. The technology enhances officer and community safety while reducing personnel deployment and costs.

4. Pursuit Prevention Equipment (\$3,022)

Vehicle pursuits expose the police department and city to potential civil liability and place the public at risk. The Milpitas Police Department currently employs equipment and technology to minimize, intervene, and prevent vehicle pursuits. Additional equipment and replacement equipment is necessary to continue our efforts in mitigating vehicle pursuits.

5. Evidence Collection and Processing Equipment (\$9,500)

The Milpitas Police Department has a specialized evidence collection team that documents, processes, and responds to major crime scenes. All major crime scenes must be memorialized with photographs and/or video before and during an investigation. The police department needs to replace camera equipment, camera accessories, and purchase a processing workstation.

6. Canine Training and Equipment (\$9,500)

Police canines are used for suspect tracking, building searches, searching for missing persons, and narcotic detection. Police canines will, at times, operate beyond the physical view of the handler. New camera technology allows the canine to wear a remote camera that can be viewed remotely by the canine handler. The police department would like to purchase such technology and training to enhance safety and document canine activity.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2019 COPS Grant spending plan.

