

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

Subject: Authorize the acceptance of \$4,794,396 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$4,794,396. Grant funding will be used to purchase radio system infrastructure and subscriber radio equipment to expand the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System to the City of Lockhart and Bastrop County.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2007 COPS Technology Program for the grant period of September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010. Local match funding in the amount of \$1,247,437.50 is available from Bastrop County and \$350,694.50 is available from the City of Lockhart.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Peter Collins, Chief Information Officer/974-2344

Boards and Commission Action: Related to items #11, #12 and #55.

Prior Council Action: June 21, 2007 Council authorization to apply for funding.

On September 17, 2007, the City was notified of a grant award under the COPS Technology Program totaling \$4,794,396. This action accepts the grant funding and amends the Austin Police Department Special Revenue budget.

Through this grant funded project, the City will be able to expand the 800 MHz Austin/Travis County Regional Trunked Radio System to cover Bastrop County and the City of Lockhart under a contract with Motorola Communications, Inc. The purchase of the radio system infrastructure and subscriber radio equipment is partly being funded by the COPS grant in the amount of \$4,794,396 that requires matching funds totaling \$1,598,132.

Interoperable communications will enhance the timeliness and capabilities of emergency communication from one agency to another as well as from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.