



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Robert L. Davis  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** ICAC GRANT AWARD

**DATE:** November 30, 2007

Approved

*Kasy Wines*

Date

*11/30/07*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

**SUBJECT:** ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF AN INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) TASK FORCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000

## **REASON FOR ADDENDUM**

The City of San Jose has been afforded the opportunity to apply for a grant from the State Office of Emergency Services for Internet Crimes Against Children. This grant is a non-competitive grant and as such, the application process includes acceptance of the grant award. The City of San Jose has received an extension of this grant application/award deadline to Friday, December 7, 2007, in order to allow time to bring this action to City Council. The grant amount is \$250,000 for the period of January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

1. Accepting an Internet Crimes Against Children Grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the amount of \$250,000; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Grant Award Agreement.
3. Directing staff to return to Council during the mid-year budget process to appropriate funds for this grant in the amount of \$250,000.

## **OUTCOME**

This action will allow the City of San Jose to receive ICAC grant funds in the amount of \$250,000. Funds will be utilized for training and equipment to assist in the investigation, arrest and prosecution of individuals who use the Internet to exploit children. Additionally, funds will be used to provide community outreach and law enforcement training to neighboring agencies.

## **BACKGROUND**

The San Jose Police Department's ICAC Task Force, known as the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (SVICAC) Task Force, received its first Federal ICAC Grant award in 2003. Since then, the Task Force has conducted proactive and reactive investigations involving online child sexual predators. The Task Force has established contacts throughout its eleven neighboring counties and has provided training, community outreach, and forensic and investigative support to those agencies.

The California State OES serves to expand these activities involving the investigation, arrest and prosecution of individuals who use the Internet to exploit children and by increasing training opportunities to law enforcement and the public regarding cyber criminals who prey on children and teens, among other objectives.

## **ANALYSIS**

Access to computers and other technology-related communication devices in the United States today has increased at an immeasurable rate. Computers are available to children in our homes, in schools, in public libraries, in community youth centers, and countless other public places youth congregate. This increase in technology has brought with it tremendous potential for our children and youth. Unfortunately, it has also brought with it the increased potential for online victimization of these same children and youth to include, unwanted exposure to sexual material, unwanted sexual solicitations, and online harassment.

The Police Department will formalize law enforcement partnerships through signed operational agreements, which include adoption of federal ICAC Task Force investigative standards and participation in the SVICAC Task Force. The SVICAC Task Force will conduct both proactive and reactive investigations into computer/ technology crimes perpetrated against children. The Task Force will reach out to neighboring law enforcement agencies to work collaboratively to investigate crimes involving child sexual exploitation; will serve as a forensic and investigative resource to affiliated and neighboring agencies; engage in law enforcement and community outreach activities to include training, prevention, and education activities and provide assistance to participating agencies through training opportunities, equipment and support as funding allows.

### EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Department will seek appropriation of funds through the City Manager's Office at the mid-year budget process.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

### COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, the City Budget Office, and the City Attorney's Office.

### COST IMPLICATIONS

The Department will seek appropriation of funds through the City Manager's Office and the mid-year budget process. This grant does not have any cash or in-kind match requirements. A portion of grant funds will be used to purchase equipment such as computers and projectors, which may have minor maintenance and repair expenses in the future. These expenses beyond fiscal year 2007/2008 can be addressed in the Police Department's existing non-personal base budget.

### CEQA

Not a project.

  
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Chief of Police