



Request for City Council Committee Action

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To Public Safety and Regulatory Committee
Referral to Ways & Means Committee

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Approved by Deputy Chief Tim Dolan, _____

Subject Request Approval to Accept COPS 2004 Technology Grant

Presenters in Committee Lt. Jody Nelson, MPD Business Technology Unit

Recommendation

The Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the proper authorities to accept the US Department of Justice – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 2004 COPS Technology grant award and execute a grant contract to accept \$742,108 to fund computer technology for sharing large data files electronically with other criminal justice agencies. The Department also requests an amendment to the general appropriation resolution for 2004 in the amount of \$742,108. The grant award will operate through the Federal Grant Special Revenue Fund, 0300-400-4182, revenue source 3210.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

The Police Department has received a grant from the US Department of Justice – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to develop standardized system capabilities for the ability to electronically send information from the Police records management system to other criminal justice agencies within Hennepin County. The Police Department will develop a repository for keeping object files that are in forms other than text, such as digital audio and pictures. State law requires all suspect statements to be audio taped. This project will eliminate the need to transcribe suspect statements from audio tapes, saving staff time, and make it possible to have the actual voice of the suspect and tone of his/her words. No local match is required.