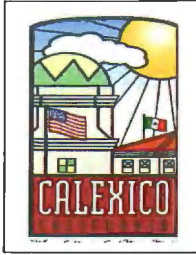


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 21, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Jesus Serrano, Interim Chief of Police

REVIEWED BY: Sandra I. Fonseca, Interim Finance Director

SUBJECT: For the City Council to Accept \$40,000.00 from the Imperial County Law Enforcement Coordination Center (IVLECC) / High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) in Services and Equipment and Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution from Fund 255 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$5,952.06 as Matching Funds to Start a Narcotic Detection Program

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Calexico approve the following:

- For the City Council to Accept \$40,000.00 from the Imperial County Law Enforcement Coordination Center (IVLECC) / High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) in Services and Equipment.
- For the City Council to Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution from Fund 255 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$5,952.06 as matching funds to Start a Narcotic Detection Program.

Background:

In 1899, Law Enforcement started training dogs for police work in Ghent, Belgium. This enhanced the popularity of using dogs for police work. By 1910, Germany had police dogs in over 600 of its largest cities.

In the 1980s, trained detection canines were introduced to American public schools in Texas. The concept soon became popular and widely used as a tool for increased safety and a drug deterrent on campuses.

In April 2003, the City of Calexico purchased its first canine for the department's Narcotic Detection Program. The canine was put into service on July 3, 2003, and retired on May 18, 2010. During that time, the canine had detected 22,610

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pounds of marijuana 2, 225 pounds of cocaine, 175 pounds of methamphetamine, 89 pounds of heroin, and thousands of dollars of asset forfeiture. During the seven years of service, the canine was used for school presentations and career fairs and called out by various agencies for assistance.

A second canine was purchased and deployed to patrol operations. Due to medical reasons, the canine was retired.

The Narcotic Canine Program will augment police services to the community. The highly skilled Police Officer and canine will supplement police operations to locate individuals and contraband and apprehend criminal offenders.

Discussion and Analysis:

Fentanyl is one of the most highly distributed narcotics and has been spread not only among adults but to the youth also. In recent years, there have been overdoses on the suspected use of fentanyl.

Refer to the following news release summary – August 12, 2022, from the United States Department of Justice Southern District:

Currently, fentanyl has been seized by border officials in San Diego and Imperial counties than at any of the nation's 300-plus ports of entry, making this federal district an epicenter for fentanyl trafficking into the United States.

In the first nine months of 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Protection law enforcement agencies in San Diego and Imperial counties (CBP Field Operations and Border Patrol) seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl – which amounts to about 60 percent of the 8,425 pounds of fentanyl seized around the entire country.

In Imperial County, seizures of fentanyl increased 272 percent from 2019 to 2022, from 40 pounds to 149 pounds – with three months still to count in 2022.

The canine narcotic detection program will assist in the apprehension of those distributing fentanyl and other types of narcotics.

Fiscal Impact:

Members of the Regional License Plate Reader (LPR) Group met on October 4 and 13, 2022, to determine the best way to utilize the HIDTA Discretionary funding available for the enhancement of the IVDC Regional LPR Program. The total amount available for funding is approximately \$444,419.00 from the 2020 and 2021 Discretionary grant awards under the category Enhancing the Efficiency and effectiveness of the HIDTA. As a result of both meetings and a unanimous vote, the following expenditures were agreed upon by all members present. The Calexico Police Department was allocated \$40,000.00 for a Drug Canine Program.

Please refer to the following impact expenses to initiate a Narcotic Detection Program:

Funding Needed to Initiate Narcotic Detection Program:

• Single-purpose detection (Malinois, German or Dutch Shepherd)	\$9,800.00
• Canine handler course for detection only	\$5,700.00
• Annual billing on-site monthly training minimum 12-8-hour sessions	\$2,900.00
• Airwaves (Ford Police Interceptor Utility K-9 insert (Havis Shields K-9-F28-PT-B), K-9 heat alarm, K-9 fan kit, additional law enforcement equipment, wire and Labor to outfit the vehicle)	\$20,065.00
• Getac V110 G6 Computer	\$4,086.54
• Elite K-9 working dog kit (#MWDK001M-lead ropes, vest, muzzle, bowls, cool vest, booties, grooming tools, first aid, and others...) and single-door wire folding kit.	\$1,309.90
• Lucky dog chain link kennel and roof	\$565.62
• Run Cool hood louvers	\$301.00
• Bodywork for hood insert	\$300.00
• Vehicle window tint	\$100.00
• Vehicle graphic	\$650.00
• Kats K-9 Platinum	\$174.00
• Total (Approximately)	\$45,952.06

HIDTA discretionary funding will provide significant funding to assist the Calexico Police Department in initiating the Canine Narcotic Detection Program for the amount of \$40,000.00.

The additional funding will be allocated from the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) Fund 255-91-000-53028 for the amount of \$5,952.06.

Coordinated With:

City Manager's Office.
Finance Department.

Attachment(s):

1. LECC / HIDTA Director's Email was authorizing discretionary funds expenditures.
2. Email from Director Tom Eilers from the IVLECC.
3. Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2022-_____.
4. Human Resource Email Regarding Potential of Increase Cost of Program

Gabriela Garcia

From: Eilers, Tom <tom.eilers@ivlecc.hidta.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Jesus Serrano
Cc: Guzman, Elsa
Subject: HIDTA Drug Dog for Calexico PD

Chief Serrano,

As a member of the HIDTA Imperial Valley Drug Coalition (IVDC), the Calexico Police Department has been allocated \$40,000 in HIDTA Discretionary Funding to purchase a drug canine and related necessary equipment. This is a onetime expenditure and in no circumstances should exceed \$40,000 in total for the dog and related equipment necessary for use by Calexico PD. The funding has already been allocated and HIDTA will pay for the dog and related equipment through the HIDTA established procurement process. There will be no reoccurring costs paid by HIDTA for the continued use of the dog by Calexico PD. Calexico PD understands that when possible, the dog will also support the HIDTA mission in Imperial Valley.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Tom Eilers, Director
IVLECC

To All:

Members of the Regional LPR Group met on October 4 and 13, 2022 to determine the best way to utilize the HIDTA Discretionary funding available for the enhancement of the IVDC Regional LPR Program. The total amount available for funding is approximately \$444,419.00 from the 2020 and 2021 Discretionary grant awards under the category Enhancing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the HIDTA. As a result of both meetings and a unanimous vote, the following expenditures were agreed upon by all members present.

1. Hold for completing engineering and CalTrans permit expenses for the Highway 86 and Marina intersection.	\$30,000
2. Drug Canine - Calexico PD	\$40,000
3. Gun/Money Dog - Brawley PD	\$40,000
4. Vigilant Service Agreement, 3 years, includes Calexico PD	\$120,000
5. Computer for Mobile Camera - Calexico PD	\$5,500
6. Flock Cameras (5), 2 year service - ICSO	\$31,250
7. Vigilant Mobile Cameras upgrade (7) - Brawley PD	\$27,000
8. Flock Cameras (4), 2 year service - Westmorland PD	\$25,000
9. Flock Cameras (4), 2 year service - Brawley PD	\$25,000
10. Flock Cameras (4), 2 year service - Calexico PD	\$25,000
11. Flock Cameras (4), 2 year service - Imperial PD	\$25,000
12. Solar Panel and Batteries for LPR Trailer - El Centro PD	\$20,000
13. Billboard Campaign, utilizing DHE and Regional LPR - IVBEST	\$22,000
14. 800 mhz Radio Encryption Upgrade - ICNTF	\$7,000

Total: \$442,750

Please provide me with actual quotes or invoices from the vendor so we may prepare CADFY funding requests without delay. I had to make some slight adjustments to a few of the amounts to ensure that we do not spend more that is available. If you plan on having your department

purchase the item or service first and then request reimbursement please notify me first to ensure the San Diego HIDTA Fiscal Manager is informed. All Flock Cameras must have the data shared with the Regional LPR Member agencies and DEASIL for regional and national connectivity. All quotes or invoices should be emailed to me with distribution to Elsa Guzman at elsa.guzman@ivlecc.hidta.org and Chuck Cloud at chuck.cloud@ivlecc.hidta.org We need to spend the funds or have purchase orders in process by the end of 2022.

Thank you for your support and participation. If you have any questions please email me or call me at 760-483-7614.

Tom Eilers, Director
IVLECC



BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-____
 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT
 TO THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was adopted by Resolution No. 2022-48 of the City Council on August 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized the amendment of the Final Budget, in accordance with proper governmental accounting and financial reporting practices; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Calexico hereby resolves and authorizes the following action(s):

AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED BUDGET:

1) Record Revenue Estimates(s)

Fund No.	Department	Division	Account	Sub-Account	Amount
Total					\$ -

2) Record Appropriation(s)

Fund No.	Department	Division	Account	Sub-Account	Amount
255	91		53028	000	\$ 5,952.06
Total					\$ 5,952.06

3) Record Transfer of Funds:

FROM:

Fund No.	Department	Division	Account	Sub-Account	Amount
Total					\$ -

TO:

Fund No.	Department	Division	Account	Sub-Account	Amount
Total					\$ -

5) Purpose of Budget Amendment:

Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution from Fund 255 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of
\$5,952.06 to Start a Narcotic Detection Program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calexico at the regular meeting this 21st day of December, 2022.

JAVIER MORENO, Mayor

ATTEST:

GABRIELA T. GARCIA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORMS;

CARLOS CAMPOS, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
CITY OF CALEXICO) ss.
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico, do hereby certify under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-___, was duly adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting of said City Council held on the 21st day of December, 2022 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

GABRIELA T. GARCIA, City Clerk
City of Calexico

Gabriela Garcia

From: Denise Garcia
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Jesus Serrano; Esperanza Colio; Gabriela Garcia; Sandy Fonseca
Subject: RE: Staff Report - Narcotic Detection Program

Hello Chief,

I do not have any insight into the intentions of Council Member Urena's initial decision to table the item as he did not provide a reason. The City Manager was concerned only about the fiscal impact on the General Liability premiums that were not budgeted.

Having the opportunity to consult with them, we would only see a slight increase to our GL & WC if there is an increase to payroll for the K9 handler/Officer(s) (stipend, training hours, etc.) for that purpose. There are no coverage exclusions for a K9 but comparable to other coverages we would have a \$1,000,000 sublimit and would be subject to a \$50,000 deductible in the event a claim against the City is filed and the claimant prevails. Again, the fiscal impact to the increase in premiums was my only concern but the increase appears to be minimal.

To prevent Council Members from insinuating that staff is unprepared to present items for future Council Meetings, I respectfully request that any agreements or requests for consideration to implement new programs be brought to my attention by the department head prior to the agenda being posted. None of us appreciate being blindsided nor called out during a public meeting for something they were not given an opportunity to research in advance.

Denise Garcia

Human Resources & Risk Management Manager
City of Calexico
608 Heber Avenue
Calexico, CA 92231
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