

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All appropriations project requests will be presented to and evaluated by the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel, made up of community leaders. **This year's panel meetings will be held on February 26, March 5 and March 12, 2010 in the 12th Congressional District.** Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, Chief of Staff, at 202/225-3531 or via email, Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All information provided on this form and any supporting documents will be made available to the public on the Congresswoman's website.

DEADLINE: Forms are due by Friday, February 12, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (P.S.T.)/9:00 p.m. (E.S.T.). Project requests submitted after that date will not be considered.

Date Submitted: February 11, 2010

Project Name: Police Dispatch Consolidation, North San Mateo County

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)* The Pacifica Police Department, along with the other participating police agencies are located in San Mateo County and they are in the 12th Congressional District.

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Amount Requested (*if requesting report language, please attach.*):

The entire project costs are projected to be \$1.3M and we are requesting \$975,000.00 with city matching funds to cover the remaining \$325,000.

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status (e.g., “Public Law 107-111”; “FY2008 DOD Authorization”, “Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee”, “Safe Drinking Water Act” or “Hatch Act”) Applicants uncertain as to how to answer this question should contact Cookab Hashemi at 202-225-3531 or via email, Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov for assistance:

Commerce, Justice, Science-US Department of Justice, State and Local law enforcement activities.

Local Contact (*Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact. Please provide local address, state, zip code and email address*):

Chief James Saunders
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Pacifica, CA 94044
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saundersj@pacificapolice.org

Organization’s Main Activities. (*Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, non-profit or private for-profit entity.*)

The Pacifica Police Department, South San Francisco Police Department, and the other participating agencies are responsible for the safety of the citizens of their communities. These organizations are non-profit public safety agencies. These agencies provide emergency 911 call centers for their communities and first responder assistance.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (*Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.*)

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Total Project Cost	\$1,300,000
Radio Equipment Upgrade	\$700,000 (includes software)
Computer Upgrades	\$300,000 (includes server)
Facility Upgrades	\$300,000 (digital logger, console upgrades)
Total Cities Contribution	\$325,000
Total Federal Request	\$975,000

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization’s mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

The Pacifica Police Department and the South San Francisco Police Department request \$975,000 in order to fund the necessary facility and equipment upgrades to consolidate the police agencies’ dispatch services at the South San Francisco Police Department Facility. The purpose of this project is to enhance interoperability with partnering jurisdictions.

Once funded, the project would move forward with the South San Francisco and the Pacifica Police Departments immediately. The goal is to have Pacifica and South San Francisco Police Departments operating out of one dispatch center within 12 months of starting the process. The Daly City Police Department, Colma Police Department and the San Bruno Police Department have expressed interest in the project and may participate at a later time.

The goals of the project are to improve interoperability and to enhance the delivery of police services to the two participating agencies, with the ultimate goal of consolidating four or five north San Mateo County agencies into a combined dispatch center. This goal will be accomplished by the following:

- Currently the dispatch centers are operating at about 60% of capacity, however under the proposed staffing of the combined dispatch center the operations would be at 80% of capacity and includes having a supervisor in the center 90% of the time.
- The central dispatch center will have knowledge of all activities that are occurring in the various cities and will be able to allocate resources to the most pressing needs of the communities.

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- Increase immediate response levels to major incidents, since the central dispatch center will have access to all of the agencies' patrol, investigative and special unit capabilities.
- All agencies will operate the same CAD/RMS (Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System) system, which will provide real-time updates which can be shared seamlessly.
- With the central dispatch system, response by the agencies will be enhanced, since a consolidated dispatch center would allow participating agencies to erase jurisdictional borders in their efforts to protect the citizens of north San Mateo County.
- This consolidation will allow participating agencies to have and utilize a secondary, backup dispatch center in case of a disaster, natural or man-caused, which rendered the primary dispatch center unusable. This secondary dispatch center could be activated within an hour. Currently there are no backup centers for the agencies however the need has been identified and is crucial for continued operation.
- These agencies would set the stage for future consolidations throughout San Mateo County.

The Federal funds would be used to purchase the following:

- Necessary infrastructure upgrades to provide the space and console configuration to accommodate additional dispatch positions
- The purchase of software to convert all agencies into one CAD/RMS (Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System) system which will provide for seamless data sharing amongst the agencies
- To purchase computers that will be capable of handling the additional demand
- To purchase the necessary equipment to provide for a backup dispatch center for the partnering agencies.

How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? (*Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.*)

A consolidated and regionalized dispatch center will enable the participating agencies to quadruple their response to a critical incident. Several of the participating agencies have faced large scale critical incidents which required a mutual aid response from neighboring police departments.

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When those incidents occur, the requesting agency's dispatch center becomes the incident's point of communications, which in most cases is only staffed with one dispatcher. Most major incidents will immediately overwhelm the dispatcher and usually the County of San Mateo will step in and provide a mobile command center. We have made this work, but the delay in moving the personnel into place has hampered many investigations because the dispatchers are not able to handle all the phone calls and radio traffic associated with the incident.

For example, a shooting incident occurred in the parking lot of Skyline College in San Bruno earlier this year. The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle and the victim ran onto campus with a firearm. By the time the extra dispatchers were in place and the communications van was activated the incident was essentially over. The extended response time for communication assistance, limited the ability of the initial responding officers and the subsequent investigation of the shooting.

In the proposed configuration, there would have likely been four dispatchers in the consolidated dispatch center and all of them would have been aware of the policies and procedures of the agencies involved. Additionally, the personnel would be familiar with the layout of the location and would have been able to provide containment information immediately to the responding units; each responding agency would have been on the same CAD/RMS system which is capable of real-time sharing of suspect and incident information amongst the police units.

This project is expected to take 3 years to fully convert and integrate the systems. Once implemented, the model reveals a significant savings to all the agencies involved because there will be less dispatchers, yet more coverage. For example, the Pacifica Police Department is projected to save \$300,000 per year by participating in the consolidation. That equates to hiring 2 police officers or saving the jobs of 2 officers depending on the direction of the economy.

Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?

No

What is the local significance of this project?

As we are all aware, cities in California are facing budget challenges unlike any time on the past. Each of the agencies involved in the consolidation project have cut police officers or have left police officer positions open in order to meet the cuts required for a balanced city budget. By combining into one consolidated

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dispatch center, the agencies have an opportunity to hire back some of those police officers or avoid laying off more police officers in the near future.

In addition, we believe once this consolidated dispatch center is operational, more of the police agencies in northern San Mateo County will see the advantage of a combined dispatch center and will want to participate. This project will also serve to enhance the services provided to our citizens.

The San Francisco Bay Area is earthquake territory. In 1989 we were given a preview of the things to come and we identified a major flaw in our communications systems- lack of backup communications facilities. Under this system a fully operational back up facility will be established so that at any given time, the dispatchers can pack up and relocate to the backup location and be operational within an hour. In order for this to work, the systems will automatically be backing up the agencies' data, real-time to the secondary location. If the primary facility is not habitable, the personnel can move and start up in the new location without losing any data. This is critical for the agencies so that they can continue to provide safety and security to the citizens, plus assuring their historical data is preserved.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)*

All residents of San Mateo County will benefit from a very efficient and effective consolidated dispatch center. Specifically the 300,000 residents of northern San Mateo County will see a direct benefit.

Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)

Data sharing, interoperability, communication bridges and cooperatively working together are Federal priorities based on the amount of funds being dedicated to those goals. Federal agencies have provided funds for shared digital radio systems and real-time sharing of data for public safety. We share this philosophy and this project will start the process in northern San Mateo County.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the request form.)*

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On February 8, 2010, the Mayor and council members of the City of Pacifica held a public hearing on the project and all voted to support it. A letter from the Mayor is attached.

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project?

(Federal, State, Local or private request pending?)

No

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?

(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)

No

Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.

No

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010. (if any).

Mayor Sue Digre

Council Member James Vreeland

Council Member Mary Ann Nihart

Council Member Julie Lancelle

Council Member Pete DeJarnett

City Manager Stephen Rhodes.

Police Chief James Saunders

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

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The Honorable Jackie Speier
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Dear Congresswoman Speier,

As the Mayor of Pacifica I am aware of the economic difficulties all cities in the state are facing, yet we are still obligated to provide public safety services. Enclosed is a proposal from my Chief of Police, James Saunders, outlining a dispatch consolidation project, that if funded will enhance the police department's ability to not only respond to requests for service, but will also improve the ability to identify and apprehend criminals. The project will also save much needed General Fund money.

Currently all cities are looking for ways to reduce expenditures, yet provide for public safety and all the other services our citizens have come to expect. Police departments are expensive to operate, so when cost savings and efficiency can be accomplished through sharing of resources then I am in full support. Many of the departments in the city are researching the opportunities for sharing and consolidation of services, but the police department is in the lead on this endeavor. After reviewing Chief Saunders' proposal, I am convinced he has identified a major budgetary and systemic issue and provided an outstanding solution for the betterment of the communities.

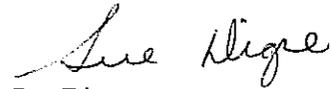
The project brings together police agencies that understand the fluidity of the criminals who do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries, and the need to share data in order to effectively fight crime. The project provides an opportunity to combine records management systems which will allow the officers to see the correlations between the criminals and their victims. In addition, trends will be easier to identify and overall prevention of crimes will increase as officers are able to share information more readily.

This project also affords the agencies the opportunity to begin responding to calls for assistance based on the location of the officer, not the city; essentially removing the borders of the cities to provide a more efficient response. In addition, with the agencies using the same Computer Aided Dispatch system, all of the officers assigned to bordering areas will have real time information on the status of incidents, and will be able to provide much needed assistance.

Finally, as you are well aware, we are in a very active fault zone. Emergency communications is essential for the first responders to protect and serve the communities and our system is vulnerable, in case of an earthquake or other disaster. This project takes that into account and provides for a backup dispatch center. This center would mirror the primary site and would be available for use within an hour. This is a very reassuring component of the project and I can't stress enough that being prepared is a requirement in our community.

Thank you again for your continued services to all of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Digre". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sue Digre

Mayor