



**DATE:** September 10, 2019

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Police

**TITLE:** **Authorization to Execute an Agreement and Appropriation of Funds Designated for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program to Purchase Vehicle Incursion Barriers**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute an agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds.
2. Appropriate \$90,000 in the Police Department, General Operating Fund, for expenditure of 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program funds to purchase vehicle incursion barriers, to be reimbursed by the grant. (Five votes required)

### **BACKGROUND**

The City strives to provide a safe environment at each and every special event. Over the last few years, incidents, both nationally and internationally, have highlighted the need to protect these events from vehicles accidentally or intentionally entering closed streets that lead directly to the events. In May 2017, the United States Transportation Security Administration issued a report on vehicle ramming attacks warning that “terrorist organizations overseas have advocated conducting vehicle ramming attacks—using modified or unmodified motor vehicles—against crowds, buildings, and other vehicles. Such attacks could target locations where large numbers of people congregate, including parades and other celebratory gatherings, sporting events, entertainment venues, or shopping centers.”

### **ANALYSIS**

Portable Barricade Systems provide a temporary, movable barrier against vehicle ramming attacks and vehicles intentionally or unintentionally entering closed streets leading to planned events. Such systems are in use across the country and region.

For Fiscal Year 2019-20, the City of Mountain View is eligible to receive \$90,000 in Homeland Security Grant funding for the purchase of a Portable Barricade System. The

system will be stored at an existing storage site within the City when not in use. When the Portable Barricade System is necessary, it will be transported to the location of the event, set up, and remain for the duration of the event.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Homeland Security Grant funding will be used to reimburse the City for the purchase of a Portable Barricade System. The City is not required to provide any matching funds, nor is the City required to provide funding for the continuation of the program at the conclusion of the grant. However, the agreement allows the County, at its sole option, to terminate the agreement with written notice to the City. Were this to happen, the City's expense for purchasing the barricade system would not be reimbursed.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not enter into an agreement with the County for Homeland Security Grant Funds, forfeiting the reimbursable grant funding.
2. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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