SUBJECT:  REQUEST TO ACCEPT NRA FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD

SOURCE:  Police Department

COMMENT: In October 2012, the Porterville Police Department submitted a grant proposal/application to the NRA Foundation requesting funding for equipment to improve the City of Porterville Firearms Training Facility. The goal of this grant is to improve the quality of training provided to the law enforcement agencies, civic organizations, and community members who receive training at the facility.

In March 2013, the Porterville Police Department received notification from the NRA Foundation that funding in the amount of $19,000 has been approved for improvements to the City of Porterville’s Firearms Training Facility. The funding would cover costs associated with the purchase and installation of reactive target systems and the addition of a public address system.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the acceptance of the NRA Foundation Grant funding in the amount of $19,000.

ATTACHMENTS: NRA Foundation Grant Proposal and Award Letter
Proposal Summary for Online Application  
13CCA70  
10/23/2012  

Complete notes: Priority rank on budget: Legal Review; LE Review  

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State Association? No  
501(C)3? No  

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Proposal Information  
Project Budget: $45,000.00  
Requested Amount: $45,000.00  

Project Title: Improve Public Access and Improve Range Target Systems  

What is the project that funds are being requested for? This project will include improvements to the range making it more accessible to the individuals using the facility for training classes. Equipment is also being sought to aid in the training being provided to the various groups and organizations utilizing the range facility.  

What are the goals, objectives and activities involved in this request?  
The goals and objectives are to make the range facility more accessible to the public so that more persons can take advantage of the firearms safety training that is being provided to the community. This project also includes the acquiring of additional training equipment so that the training provided is of the highest quality with an emphasis being placed on realism and safety for all of the involved participants. Firearms training will be provided to law enforcement organizations, police academies, 4H groups, scouting groups, womens safety classes, youth safety classes, and hunter education classes.  

Who will carry out the goals, objectives and activities?  
The Porterville Police Department and its staff will be responsible for carrying out the stated goals, objectives, and activities.
How will this project benefit the community?
Various firearm safety classes will be held for members of the public to specifically include lady handgun safety classes, youth firearm education classes, hunter safety classes, etc. These various classes will be held several times a year.

Will a user fee be charged? If so, what will it be used for?
A $10 fee is currently being charged for participants in the firearms safety classes. This fee covers minor incidental expenses withcutting on the classes.

How many people do you anticipate will benefit from this grant?
300

Applicant will accept partial funding: YES

Club owns the land where improvements are being made: YES
Club leases the land where improvements are being made: NO

Recognition and Evaluation

If awarded this grant, how will you recognize The NRA Foundation for its support?
Newspaper article combined with acknowledgment printed on class flyers. This information will also be passed on verbally to all class participants. Class flyers are also posted on Department's website and Facebook page.

Describe the criteria to be used in determining the success and impact of this project. What do you want to happen as a result of this project? How will you measure the impact?
We will compare the number of participants at the conclusion of the yearly training cycle with the previous year to see if there is an increased number of participants. Through course evaluation forms we will also look to see if the desired outcome of the training has been met along with suggestions for improvement. We would like to see the accessibility to the range facility improved and made more suitable for year round events. We would like to see greater access to and use of the range facility by community members and various civic groups. We would also like to see the expansion of various training programs currently in place along with an increasing number of participants. Through the comparison of our training programs in comparison with other training programs. Inquiries will also be made of the participants and the instructors of these programs. The number of participants will also be compared with the number of participants from the previous year.

Name of signer: John Hall
Title of signer: Sergeant
March 12, 2013

Porterville Police Department
Mr. John Hall
Porterville, CA 93257

Reference # 13CCA70

Dear Mr. John Hall:

It is with great pleasure that I forward to you the enclosed check for $19,000.00 for the Improve Public Access and Improve Range Target Systems. Funds are approved for Moving target system, Wireless PA system.

One of the conditions of the grant was that you provide the Foundation a final report at the conclusion of the project/activities financed from the grant. To facilitate this request we have enclosed a final report form for your convenience. This report will assist us in understanding how your organization utilized the grant. In your summary of the project please address the following:

- How successful were you in reaching the stated goals and objectives in your grant application?
- How did the grant contribute to your success?
- What impact has the project had on its intended audience?
- Please provide us with a detailed summary of expenditures and copies of all receipts accounting for all funds awarded. The grant funds must be used only for items on budget worksheet
- If applicable, how many participated?
- Please include photos, newspaper articles, letters, etc.

Please note that the check is void 90 days from the date of issue. Be sure to deposit the check as soon as possible.

When providing recognition for this grant please note that it is from The NRA Foundation.

Best wishes in the completion of your project.

Sincerely,

Sandy S. Elkin
Director Grants, Administration & Analysis

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