

St. Petersburg City Council  
Consent Agenda  
Meeting of October 19, 2023

**TO:** The Honorable Brandi Gabbard, Chair, and Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to (I) accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) in the maximum reimbursable amount of \$750,000 to fund technology equipment that will assist in responding to crime; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), COPS Technology & Equipment Program Project (19967); and providing an effective date.

**EXPLANATION:** The City of St. Petersburg (“CITY”) applied for a grant in the amount of \$750,000. The City will serve as the representative to this grant and will be responsible for the grant over its life cycle. The City will submit expenditure documentation to DOJ for reimbursement of eligible costs. The grant requires no local matching funds. St. Petersburg Police Department will use the funding effective October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 to purchase technology equipment to support an ongoing Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), Record Management System (RMS) project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$750,000 from the U.S. DOJ COPS to improve the response time and efficiency of local first responders and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), COPS Technology & Equipment Program Project (19967); and providing an effective date.

**COST/FUNDING INFORMATION:** Revenues of up to \$750,000 are to be received from the DOJ COPS and deposited into the General Fund (0001). Funds will be available after a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), COPS Technology & Equipment Program Project (19967).

Approvals:

Administration: Megan McGee

Budget: 

Resolution No. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO (I) ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (“DOJ”), OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (“COPS”) IN THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 TO FUND TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO CRIME AND (II) TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT DIVISION (140-1389), COPS TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT (19967); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg (“City”) applied for and has been awarded a COPS grant (“Grant”) for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in the maximum reimbursable amount of \$750,000 to fund the COPS Technology & Equipment Program Project; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit expenditure documentation to the U.S Department of Justice for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant funds is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to (i) accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in the maximum reimbursable amount of \$750,000 to fund technology equipment that will assist in responding to crime and (ii) to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY24:

General Fund (0001)

Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389),  
COPS Technology & Equipment Program Project (19967)

\$750,000

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: Chris Administration: Megan McGee

Budget: Jim Chism