

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

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Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Mobile and Portable Radios

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**SUMMARY**

In 2012 the Police Department purchased new mobile (in-car) and portable (handheld) radios. These radios will soon be no longer supported by the manufacturer and will be obsolete. The Police Department is seeking authorization to purchase 15 mobile radios and 37 portable radios utilizing Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds at a cost not to exceed \$282,000 (An approximate 5% contingency has been added to the quote for any unforeseen expenses).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-23, authorizing the appropriation of Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds for an amount not to exceed \$282,000 for the replacement of 15 mobile and 37 portable police radios.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In order to serve the greater need for communications interoperability for first responders in times of crisis, the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) system was started in 2006 and went live in operation in 2013. The Police Department purchased new mobile and portable radios in 2012 in preparation for the transition to the EBRCSA system. These critical communication tools have exceeded their useful life, and the manufacturer will soon no longer support the radios, making repairs nearly impossible and fiscally challenging.

East Bay Regional Communications System Authority worked with Contra Costa County to secure a Motorola Solutions Customer Agreement (MCA) allowing other EBRCSA users to purchase radio equipment and services at a significantly discounted price.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

COPS funds are provided by the State to fund front line police activities not budgeted in the City's annual operating budget. This purchase qualifies for COPS funds' use and is a one-time expense that will not increase the City's ongoing obligations.

### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 2025-23
2. Motorola Quote # 3068388
3. EBRCSA Letter for Radio Purchase
4. Contra Costa County Motorola Solutions Customer Agreement