

X. City of Beacon Police Department – IT Improvements (W567)

September 14, 2010

Grantee: «Orgn_Name_Client» (the “Department”)

ESD Investment: A grant of up to «Grant_Amt» to be used for the purchase of information technology equipment.

Project Location: «Project_Town», «Project_County» County

NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent): N/A

Project Completion: March 2011

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Project Description:

Background

The City of Beacon (the “City”) was established in 1913 and has approximately 15,000 residents. The City of Beacon Police Department is the City’s main provider of law enforcement, public safety and crime prevention. The Department is budgeted for thirty-five sworn positions; however, independent studies have shown that the City should have at least forty-five officers.

The Department strives to improve community-oriented policing and problem-solving initiatives. Elements affecting the City include activity related to organized gangs, violent crime and narcotics. Calls for Department service continuously climb, and adult arrests increased 19% from 2008 to 2009. Due to manpower limitations and heightened demand for services, it is important to keep police officers on the street and visible to the public. To accomplish this, officers must be able to perform as much work as possible inside the Department’s twelve marked patrol vehicles.

The Project

The project consists of the purchase of laptop computer mobile data terminals and related hardware to outfit three patrol vehicles and to replace old digital equipment for the others. This equipment allows data entry and report writing from within a patrol car. The project also includes acquisition of in-car digital cameras for all patrol cars, which will enable officers

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to collect and preserve video and audio evidence and will improve safety for the officers and the public. The Department anticipates purchasing equipment beginning in the fall of 2010 and will complete the project by March 2011.

Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Information Technology Equipment	\$65,000	ESD Grant	\$65,000	100%
Total Project Costs	\$65,000	Total Project Financing	\$65,000	100%

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in the accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2010-2011 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.