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"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, CHIEF OF POLICE 

DATE: JUNE 25TH, 2018

RE: USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT; VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration for City Council pass and adopt Resolution Number 06-25-2018-B, supporting the Police Department's USDA Rural Development grant application for patrol vehicle replacement and authorization for the Chief of Police to sign any and all grant documents, including application, agreement, and subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

The USDA Rural Development Community Program provides grants to assist in the development of community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 population. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services, and may include the purchase of equipment required for facilities operation. Grant assistance depends upon, among other factors, the median household income and the population in the community.

DISCUSSION:

There is a need to replace old and high mileage patrol vehicles in our fleet. Currently, nine of our fourteen vehicles designated for patrol use are Ford Crown Victoria Interceptors with manufacturing dates between 2001 and 2005. Several of these vehicles have an excess of 90,000 miles of wear, with the highest mileage vehicle at 119,900 miles. These high mileage vehicles are becoming costly to maintain, replacement parts are becoming unavailable, and there is a concern that untimely breakdowns could negatively impact the safety of the community and the safety of our responding officers.

The City has previously participated in the USDA Community Facilities Grant Program to assist with the acquisition of three Patrol Vehicles in 2009, and before that, two Fire Response Vehicles in 2008.

RESOLUTION 06-25-2018-B

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.

1. The City of Sonora Council has reviewed an application under the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program for the replacement of Police Department Patrol Vehicles, and
2. The City of Sonora Council hereby agrees to comply with all assurances executed in connection with the application and, if awarded, the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the City of Sonora hereby approves an application for the following:

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program to replace two Patrol Vehicles.

Federal Share:	\$ 105,100
Community Share:	\$ 35,066

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to act on the City's behalf in matters pertaining to this project and to sign any and all associated documents including the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on 25 June 2018, by the following votes:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Signed and approved on: _____, 2018

Connie Williams, Mayor Date

ATTEST: _____
Marijane Cassinetto, City Clerk

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