

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2022 MEU Letter #4

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC	05/20/2022	APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW
RECEIVED BY SPD	08/26/2022	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT
RETURNED TO SCPRC	08/22/2023	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

Add specific language to GO 410.06 requiring SPD to seek City Council approval before any public or private funding may be spent.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

The General Order authorizes the SPD to “apply for funding prior to obtaining council approval in the case of exigent circumstances.” SCPRC agrees that there might be circumstances where public funding may only be available with limited notice and require SPD to move quickly in order to apply for funding. However, this money should not be used until the City Council authorizes such action.

This approval will increase public transparency and ensure accountability for SPD to only purchase military equipment that is cost-effective in comparison to other reasonable alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

SPD RESPONSE

This has been removed from the 2023 policy. The following section has been removed:

I. MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY USE SUPPLY LEVELS

When stocks of military equipment have reached significantly low levels or have been exhausted, the Department may order up to 10% of stock in a calendar year without city council approval to maintain essential availability for the Department’s needs. SPD is authorized to acquire additional stock of items listed here from other law enforcement agencies of CalOES in the event of an emergency when approved by the COP or designee.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A