

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 14, 2014
16.3

TO: Chief of Police


FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST FOR A
POLICE HORSE

It is requested that Metropolitan Division, Mounted Platoon, be approved for a \$6,000.00 grant for the purchase of a police horse.


Approval of this grant would benefit the Department as the Mounted Platoon could immediately utilize this police horse in various field deployments providing immediate service to the community. In fact, this particular horse has had multiple sound deployments since his arrival including heavy sensory deployments, which have clearly demonstrated his advanced training and excellent line of breeding. Similar horses that possess these qualities have been purchased by the platoon in the past at a cost of \$8,500.00. We were able to seek private funding for this horse from Mr. Richard Shapiro, who made the \$6,000.00 donation to cover the total cost of this horse. Additionally, it would be highly unlikely to purchase a police horse of this caliber for this amount by any other seller. The seller of this horse is a Department employee assigned to the Mounted Platoon. The current Department budget does not allocate any funds for the purchase of police horses.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sergeant Mike Porter, Metropolitan Division, Mounted Platoon, at (213) 485-5909.


PATRICK D. SMITH, Captain
Commanding Officer
Metropolitan Division

Attachments

APPROVED:



MICHAEL P. DOWNING, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

APPROVED:


CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police



APPROVED:


MICHEL K. MOORE, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Special Operations