Title: Use of general fund reserved funds (Fund 397) for purchase of police department traffic safety equipment

Recommended Motion: Approve the Police Chief to authorize the purchase of: (1) Stalker brand MC360 Message Trailer ($15,872.60) from Applied Concepts, Inc. as a sole source provider of the above specified item.

Background Information: In March 2006 the Grass Valley Police Department was awarded a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant continued through September of 2009. In addition to focused enforcement efforts, the grant funded the purchase of a vehicle. The vehicle was fully depreciated as of February 8, 2012 per State records. On August 8, 2013 the City Council deemed the vehicle as surplus (resolution 2013-49) and authorized its sale. The vehicle was sold for $34,000 on August 9, 2013, the proceeds of which were deposited to the City general fund (Fund 397) and have since remained and been reserved for traffic safety purposes, consistent with the original grant funding.

In May of 2017, council approved the use of funds from this account to purchase a Stalker brand Radar Trailer and Traffic Data Collector. Since acquisition, the trailer has been used as a mobile radar deployment tool that provides real-time speed feedback to those traveling in a given area. It enhances awareness to drivers that may be exceeding the speed limit. This trailer not only provides the traditional speed awareness, but it also logs speed for download and data analysis. The real-time feedback of a driver’s speed, however, no doubt has an effect on driving behavior. The Traffic Data Collector is a pole mounted radar unit. The pole mounted unit is meant to be more covert and used to establish data for analysis and future personnel enforcement and education deployment.

Due to increased requests for radar trailer deployments throughout the city and the need for a mobile variable message sign, we are seeking approval to purchase the Stalker MC360 Message Trailer. This trailer would function as a second radar trailer and would also have a 3’X6’ variable message sign that could be used for messaging at special events, to provide traffic direction in special circumstances, or to convey messages to the public in a specific area as needed.

Because the MC360 is a Stalker brand product, it utilize the same data collection mechanisms as our current radar trailer and our pole mounted traffic data collector, allowing seamless and efficient data collection and analysis on a single platform.
Council Goals/Objectives: Community Safety

Fiscal Impact: The balance in Fund 397 is $22,603.48. Therefore, there are adequate funds available for these acquisitions. Applied Concepts, Inc. is the sole source provider for the MC360 Message Trailer.

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Funds Available: Yes  
Account#: 397

Reviewed by:  
City Manager

Action:  
___ Approved  
___ Denied  
___ Approved with Modifications  
___ Other

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