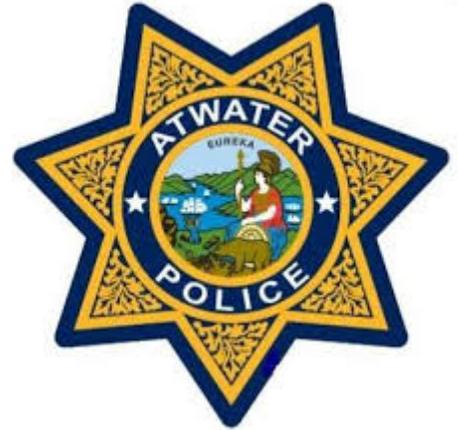


Request:

\$9,000,000 for a new 12,000 square-foot facility for the Atwater Police Department.

Description:

The Atwater Police Department serves a City population that has more than doubled since it opened in the late 1960s. The building has not been able to keep up with the community's growth and the investigations unit is housed off site as a result. The building is not able to support modern technology and the evidence room is too small to properly store biological evidence.



Site Search:

The current police station is located inside City Hall. The City owns additional land adjacent to City Hall that would allow for the construction of a new station next door.

Necessity:

The current Police Department facility is not properly equipped to support the needs of a modern police force. The building lacks the necessary power infrastructure to support 21st century digital police equipment essential to keep Atwater residents safe and does not have a secure location to store and process evidence. The current facility has no further room for expansion and cannot accommodate all police personnel. On the security side, the department is ill-suited to protect both the public and employees as its patrol room is not connected to the rest of the Police Department and is readily accessible to the public via an unarmored door. A properly designed and upfitted headquarters would provide an inviting space where the public could access law enforcement services and all department personnel would be at the same location allowing for efficient coordination between units. The building would have state-of-the-art security and information services to protect employees and the public.

Design & Construction:

Staff estimates that a 12,000 square foot facility will meet the Police Department's needs for the next 25 years. Atwater city staff can complete the initial architectural and site plan work. Estimates for construction costs currently stand at \$750 per square foot; therefore, the total request for construction financing is: \$9,000,000. If funded, work can commence immediately and would take approximately 19 months to develop and construct a new facility.

Beneficiaries:

- Atwater residents
- Atwater businesses
- Atwater Police Department
- County of Merced

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