

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: May 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF \$220,179 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COPS 2011 GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept grant funds in the amount of \$220,179 from the State of California Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Grant Funds (SLESF) awarded to the City of Oceanside for the COPS 2011 Grant Program, and approve the appropriation of these funds to the Police Department.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside has received funds from the State of California since the inception of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program in Fiscal Year 1996-97. The City established an interest-bearing State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) fund, as required by statute. The COPS grants have been used to fund personnel and equipment, consistent with the guidelines set forth in California Government Code Sections 30061-30065.

In the February 2009 State Budget Agreement, the Legislature established a temporary additional 0.15 per cent Vehicle License Fee (VLF) to be deposited in the Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA) to be used to fund a variety of law enforcement programs, including the COPS Program, that were previously paid from the state general fund.

On October 27, 2010, the Oceanside Police Department (OPD) received notification from the County of San Diego regarding the availability of COPS funding for the State's fiscal year 2010-2011. Based on estimated revenues of the LSPA, OPD would receive \$220,179. To receive the funds, OPD is required to submit an expenditure plan approved by the City Council for subsequent review by the County of San Diego Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC). OPD did not immediately begin the process to have the City Council approve the expenditure plan due to concerns that the estimated revenues of the LSPA would be less than originally estimated, thus reducing the grant award. The COPS 2008-2009 award was reduced

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from \$285,106 to \$100,000; and the COPS2009-2010 award was reduced from \$278,355 to \$186,826.03 because actual revenues were significantly less than anticipated. Although OPD must submit a budget for the entire \$220,179, staff wanted to have a better estimate of what the grant would fund.

ANALYSIS

The County of San Diego has received the first two installments of the COPS funds from the LSPA fund; the City of Oceanside's portion of these installments is \$63,651.24. Based on this, it is unlikely that the City of Oceanside will receive the full \$220,179. The required minimum payment per jurisdiction is \$100,000 per Government Code 30061(a)(3).

OPD staff has prepared a budget for \$221,679, the official COPS 2010-2011 funds allocation of \$220,179 and \$1,500 estimated interest income. Items on the budget are ranked by department needs; items with the lowest number have been determined to be most critical. The minimum payment per jurisdiction, \$100,000, will be used to fund the School Resource Office Program. Other items in the budget will not be purchased until the final amount of the grant is determined. Anticipated interest earnings will not be expended before the revenue is earned.

The OPD portion of the School Resource Officer Program has been funded with COPS grant funds since FY 2004-2005. The minimum payment amount would ensure that the grant would fund this project. If additional funds are received, OPD will purchase scheduling software and or fund overtime for gang suppression details. OPD currently uses an Excel spreadsheet to schedule officers' work assignments. This spreadsheet is unable to share information regarding officers' work hours, days off, or time off requests with other spreadsheets used for other reports. The scheduling software would reduce the amount of time supervisors spend updating the spreadsheet and other reports. The software also organizes the Police Department's personnel resources into work groups based on schedules, assignments and specialized skills so that the appropriate resources can be identified and deployed in the most efficient manner; the efficiency of personnel deployment is particularly important in an emergency situation. OPD currently utilizes federal grant funds for overtime for gang and violent crime suppression details. These details have had a significant impact in gang and violent crime, especially in the downtown area. Additional funding would allow OPD to increase the number of details during FY 2011-2012.

The funds will be deposited in a separate account that earns investment income, which is required to be expended consistent with program guidelines. The investment income is estimated to be \$1,500. OPD will use these funds to purchase equipment used for state-mandated defensive tactics training.

These funds must be expended by June 30, 2012. As per Government Code Section 30061: funds not expended by June 30, 2012, must be returned to the Controller of the State of California. The City Treasurer is required to provide a Supplemental Law

Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) investment report to the Police Chief as per Section 30063 of AB1913. An annual report of allocations will be submitted to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) or directly to the State Controller as per the requirements set forth in Section 30063.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County of San Diego will disburse the grant award to the City of Oceanside once the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee certifies receipt of the expenditure plan approved by the City Council. There is no matching fund requirement.

The SLESF grant funds will be deposited into the COPS 2011 revenue account 917121100217.4376, appropriated to the project account 917121100217 as detailed in the following table.

#	Project Description	Appropriation	Business Unit
	Grant Fund Expenditure		
1	School Resource Officer Program (Cost Share)	\$103,000	917121100217.6900.0272
2	Police Scheduling Software	\$50,000	917121100217.5706
3	Overtime for Gang & Violent Crime Suppression Details	\$66,200	917121100217.5120
3a	Benefits for Overtime	\$979	917121100217.5657
	Grant Funds Appropriations	\$220,179	
	Interest Income Expenditures		
4	Defensive Tactics Equipment	\$1,500	917121100217.5355
	Total Budget	\$221,679	

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

This matter was on the agenda of the April 21, 2011, Police and Fire Commission meeting. The meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The Police and Fire Commission will be advised of this matter on May 19, 2011.

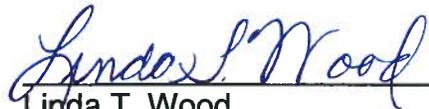
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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