



DATE: February 4, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$300,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COPS 2014 GRANT PROGRAM**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve acceptance of up to \$300,000 in grant funds from the State of California Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount (ELEAS) awarded to the City of Oceanside for the COPS 2014 Grant Program; appropriate these funds to the Police Department; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents.

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 has established an interest-bearing State Supplement Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) as required by statute. In previous years, the COPS grants have been used to fund overtime personnel and equipment, consistent with the guidelines set forth in California Government Code Sections 30061-30065.

The 2014-15 ELEAS budget provides \$214.2 million for the purpose of the COPS 2014 Program and the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Program. Pursuant to current law, the State Controller is required to allocate the COPS funds to each county that has established a SLESF in accordance with Section 30061.

In November of 2014, the Oceanside Police Department (OPD) received notification that the City's share of COPS 2014 funds is estimated to be \$270,333. Based on prior years the estimated allocation amount is always different than the actual amount of funds received. Last year, the COPS 2013 grant program received an additional allocation of \$28,413. For this reason, staff recommends that the City Council approve and accept a budget of up to \$300,000 for the COPS 2014 grant program should additional funds become available.

ANALYSIS

The County of San Diego will disburse the quarterly funds to the City of Oceanside within 30 days of receipt from the state. OPD staff has prepared a budget for a total of \$270,333.

Programs to be funded are as follows:

- School Resource Officer (SRO) Program - \$103,000 - OPD has funded a portion of the SRO Program with COPS grant awards since FY 2004-2005. This allocation will cover the major portion of one officer's salary and benefits for the School Year 2015-2016.
- Overtime Details - \$34,747 - This allocation will provide for overtime and benefits for details such as gang and crime suppression details, and directed patrols. OPD used the COPS 2013 award and federal grant awards for these details, which have had a significant impact on reducing violent crime, especially in the downtown area and gang-infested neighborhoods.
- Laptops - \$16,000 (12) - These laptops will be available to provide on-site training on many new computer applications the department uses in lieu of having to conduct off-site training of staff. They will also be available to staff to use during off-site training classes.
- Flashlights - \$40,000 (250) – These will be new and improved flashlights that provide better lighting, are smaller than the current flashlights, and are less cumbersome for officers to carry. These new flashlights are small enough to be carried on the officer's gun belt instead of the bulky flashlights currently in use.
- New and Replacement Tasers - \$63,631 (60) – Many of the Tasers have outlived their useful lives and need to be replaced in addition to providing tasers to officers who do not currently have one in their arsenal. This less lethal electronic device has proven to be useful to the officers in lieu of using more lethal means.
- UFED Forensic Examination Device - \$9,065 (1) – This device will allow detectives the ability to examine cell phone activity of suspects who will not allow access to their cell phone passwords, while allowing for decoding of pertinent information.
- X-Cat Detection Device - \$3,890 (1) – A handheld device that detects items such as narcotics, explosives and gun residue. The device maintains the integrity of swabs/samples that allows for further scrutiny/verification by the lab.

The Financial Services Department created business unit account 817140400217 to track revenue and expenditures for this grant. This is an interest-bearing account as

required by the grant; the investment income will be expended as it is accrued and in a manner consistent with the program guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds in the amount of \$270,333 will allow overtime and benefits for sergeants and officers, and purchase of equipment without impacting the General Fund. The County of San Diego will disburse the funds to the City within 30 days of receipt from the State. Business unit 817140400217 will track expenditures under this Agreement. Funds will be deposited into revenue account 817140400217.4376. There is no requirement for matching funds from the City of Oceanside.

The appropriations by business unit and object code are detailed below.

Expenditures	Appropriation	Account Number
School Resource Officer Program	\$103,000	817140400217.6900.0272
Overtime	\$34,244	817140400217.5120
Benefits for Overtime	\$503	817140400217.5207
Laptops	\$16,000	817140400217.5330
Flashlights	\$40,000	817140400217.5330
Tasers	\$63,631	817140400217.5330
UFED Forensic Examination Device	\$9,065	817140400217.5330
X-Cat Detection Devices	\$3,890	817140400217.5330
Total Grant Fund Appropriations	\$270,333	

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police & Fire Commission reviewed and approved this matter during their meeting held on January 15, 2015.

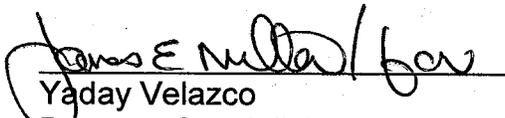
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

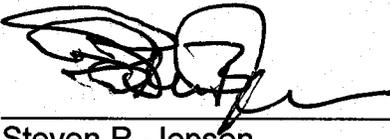
RECOMMENDATION

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