



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 22, 2018

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STATE GRANT 2018 AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$499,993 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$499,993 from the State of California's Citizens' Option for Public Safety program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$499,993 from the Citizens' Option for Public Safety grant program into the Police Department Trust Account No. 0000721-225170;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$499,993, plus projected interest, to project account 9337400102-3745100 and appropriate expenditures to project account 9337400102-44021000; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City, to make non-substantive changes and to execute necessary documents.

BACKGROUND:

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 established the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program. This program allows eligible counties and cities to receive a proportionate share of COPS funds based on population estimates determined by the California Department of Finance. The funds are distributed to the counties who then set up a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) and appropriate funds to the various cities.

The Riverside Police Department has been awarded \$499,993 from the County of Riverside's SLESF Fiscal Year 2017-18 allocation. This is the 22nd year that the City has received this funding. Use of the funds is limited to front line municipal police services and can only be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funding.

As required by statute, the City must establish its own SLESF to prevent funds received from being intermingled with any other funds in the City treasury. The Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) established by the County of Riverside will review the expenditures annually. In April 2002, Senate Bill 823 amended Government Code Sections 30061 and 30063 to require that the City Council appropriate existing and anticipated moneys exclusively to fund frontline municipal police services, in accordance with requests by the Chief of Police.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department will use the grant award to continue funding staff, both sworn and civilian, to assist customers, coordinate Police programs and process Police reports, thereby providing frontline Police services. These positions also increase the efficiency and effectiveness of officers in the field. The use of civilian support staff is an allowable expenditure under the grant. The Police Department will use the remaining grant funds to purchase equipment and/or vehicles. These funds must be expended by June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award is \$499,993 plus interest. No matching funds are required.

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Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: Expenditure Plan FY 2017-2018