



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,775 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – 2018 STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE THREAT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM– SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$90,775 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$90,775 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$90,775 in Revenue Account No. 9163000- 3311000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9163000-4401100 by the Finance Department for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the grant documents with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program is designed to improve school security and address the development of school threat assessments. The program is intended to identify threats before they materialize, including those that originate from individuals with mental health issues, and for the training of students, school personnel and local law enforcement officers so they can partner in preventing violent events from happening.

On July 24, 2018, City Council authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to submit the Stop School Violence Threat Assessment Program grant application for Fiscal Year 2018 for the maximum grant distribution amount of \$250,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Police Department in collaboration with the Riverside Unified School District has been awarded funding for the 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$90,775 with a term that runs from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021. Funding from this grant will provide an opportunity to establish and enhance school safety equipment and implement training to improve school safety efforts within the community.

The Riverside Unified School District is eager to partner with the Riverside Police Department to improve school security, which demonstrates a commitment to addressing school safety issues and community policing. The collaboration will discuss school security through new technology, and training school personnel and students to prevent student violence. Also, the program will address the development and operation of school threat assessment and crisis intervention teams. Participating schools will be identified by the Riverside Unified School District.

The Stop the School Violence Threat Assessment program will be implemented by the Riverside Police Department's Training Division. The grant will fund surveillance cameras and training for threat assessments. The training will include the necessary tools needed to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence on campus.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with the acceptance of the grant funds is an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$90,775 in Revenue Account No. 9163000- 3311000 and an increase in expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9163000-4401100. The grant requires a 25% in-kind match in the amount of \$22,693, which will be contributed by the Riverside Unified School District and Riverside Police Department and will consist of program supplies, goods, and services to implement the training.

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