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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 28, 2015**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$141,533.58 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RIVERSIDE  
AUTO THEFT INTERDICTION DETAIL TASK FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16  
– SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

The issue for City Council consideration is acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$141,533.58 from the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) Task Force in order to participate and support the activities of the task force for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$141,533.58 from the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force for Fiscal Year 2015-16;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$141,533.58 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to a project account as assigned by the Finance Department for the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Vehicle theft is one of the most costly of all property crimes, affecting millions of Americans each year. To combat this serious crime, the California Governor signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 2139 in 1990, which established California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 9250.14. The CVC Section 9250.14 authorizes an additional \$1.00 fee on all vehicle registrations (\$2 for commercial vehicles) at the time of renewal. All fees collected must be used towards programs that enhance the capability of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute auto theft crime. Assembly Bill (AB) 286, approved in October 2009, extended the additional vehicle registration fee through January 1, 2018.

The RAID, a multi-jurisdictional task force, was formed in 1993 and concentrates its efforts on the detection, identification and apprehension of the professional vehicle thief operating in Riverside County. The City Council approved the City's participation in RAID through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), approved on April 12, 1994, which expires on January 1, 2018. The MOU outlines the organizational structure and formalizes the operating policies and procedures for RAID. The Riverside Police Department has one Police Detective assigned to the RAID Task Force, whose position is partially funded by AB 286.

In 2014, there were 1,539 vehicles stolen in the City of Riverside. The RAID Task Force combated vehicle crime as illustrated by the following: 27 vehicle code inspections were conducted; 141 search warrants were issued; 626 stolen vehicles were recovered with an estimated total dollar value of \$6,296,058; auto theft investigations were conducted, resulting in the arrest of 403 suspects; and 31 chop shop operations were identified and closed.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total grant funds are \$141,533.58, with \$127,173.60 to reimburse 80% of salary and benefits for one Police Detective position and \$14,359.00 for 200 hours of annual overtime. The existing Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16 will absorb the remaining 20% (\$31,793.40) of salary and benefits for the Police Detective position.

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