



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 24, 2016**

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

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST FOR \$250,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FISCAL YEAR 2016 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Approval of the submission of an online grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services for the competitive funding that is available through the Community Policing Development Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to submit the Community Policing Development Program online grant application for \$250,000, and make non-substantive changes in documents associated with the application; and
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of the grant, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Policing Development Program provides competitive, two-year awards to law enforcement agencies to advance the development of innovative community policing strategies and the implementation of demonstration projects through training and technical assistance. Funding through this program may be used to pay for civilian base salaries, fringe benefits, consultants, equipment/technology, supplies, travel and training.

The Riverside Police Department is seeking to develop and enhance programs focusing on youth/police collaborations. Funding will be used to implement innovative ways to reduce youth involvement in the criminal justice system and develop youth leadership training and life skills through positive interactions.

In addition, the Riverside Police Department will provide diversity and inclusion training to law

enforcement personnel. This training will increase officers' understanding of various community groups, improve their communication skills and levels of tolerance, and provide practical skills necessary to build lasting partnerships with the community.

The Police Department is seeking City Council approval to submit a proposal that would provide funds for the Department to purchase educational materials, hire two interns and certified instructors for training and curriculum activities, and office supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund and no matching funds are required as the grant funding requested is sufficient enough to cover program expenses.

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