



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RIVERSIDE AUTO-THEFT INTERDICTION DETAIL TASK FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,604.15

ISSUE:

Approve grant funds in the amount of \$144,604.15 from the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) Task Force to participate and support the activities of the task force for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$144,604.15 from the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force for Fiscal Year 2016-17;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$144,604.15 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in a project account to be established by the Finance Department; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the grant documents with the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In May of 1991, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14, specifically to fund a multi-jurisdictional vehicle theft task force. The resolution was unanimously adopted, which resulted in an additional \$1.00 fee to be charged on each Riverside County new and renewed registration (\$2.00 for commercial vehicles).

In February of 2009, Assembly Bill 286 was approved by the legislature and amends California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 to ensure continued funding for the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail until January 1, 2018.

In 1993, the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) was formed. The multi-jurisdictional task force concentrates its efforts on the detection, identification, and apprehension of the professional vehicle thief operating in Riverside. The City Council approved the City's

participation in RAID through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), approved on April 12, 1994, and 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, which is partially funded by AB 286.

DISCUSSION:

The mission of the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) Task Force is to reduce the incidence of vehicle theft and increase the apprehension of the professional vehicle thief.

Vehicle theft remains a nationwide epidemic and is still one of the costliest property crimes in America. In 2015, there were 1,763 vehicles stolen, an increase of 14.55 percent from 2014. The RAID Task Force combated vehicle crime through the following: 1) 40 vehicle code inspections were conducted; 2) 80 search warrants were issued; 3) 792 stolen vehicles were recovered with an estimated dollar value of \$7,712,190; 4) auto theft investigations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 299 suspects; and 5) 52 chop shop operations were identified and closed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant funds are \$144,604.15, with \$132,924.40 to reimburse 70% of salary and benefits for one Police Detective position and \$11,679.75 for 150 hours of annual overtime. The existing Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 will absorb the remaining 30% or \$45,287.85 of salary and benefits for the position.

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