



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,943.95 FROM THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RIVERSIDE AUTO-THEFT INTERDICTION DETAIL TASK FORCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18, TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$133,943.95 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$133,943.95 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force for Fiscal Year 2017-18;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$133,943.95 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in a project account to be established by Finance for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the grant documents with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, 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 amended 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) Task Force 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 expiring 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, 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 theft. The task force is comprised of personnel from the California Highway Patrol, Riverside Sheriff's Department, Riverside Police Department, Murrieta Police Department, Indio Police Department, and Department of Insurance.

Vehicle theft remains a nationwide epidemic and is still one of the most costly property crimes in California. In 2016, Riverside County ranked number 8 in the top 10 law enforcement agencies reporting vehicle thefts in California. The RAID Task Force combated vehicle crime through conducting 2,039 vehicle inspections, issuing 94 search warrants, and recovering 533 vehicles with an estimated dollar value of \$5,190,629. Auto theft investigations were also conducted, resulting in the arrest of 185 suspects. Additionally, 20 chop shop operations were identified and closed.

The RAID grant would reimburse one full-time detective position, which includes 70% of the salary and benefits, and 150 hours of overtime. The grant would also provide funding for equipment, training and other necessary operating expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant funds are \$133,943.95, with \$122,304.70 to reimburse 70% of salary and benefits for one Police Detective position and \$11,639.25 for 150 hours of annual overtime. The existing Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 will absorb the remaining 30%, or \$52,416.30, of salary and benefits for the Police Detective position.

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