



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 24, 2018**

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018 TO STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE THREAT AND ASSESSMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000

ISSUE:

Approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the competitive funding that is available through the Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Police Department to prepare and submit the Stop School Violence Threat Assessment grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$250,000;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$250,000 into Revenue Account No. 9163000-331100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount into Police Department Account No. 916300-440110 by Finance for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the grant assurances and certifications and make minor and non-substantive changes to documents associated with the grant application.

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 occurring.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Police Department, in collaboration with the Riverside Unified School District, has been invited to submit an application for the 2018 Stop School Violence Threat and Assessment Program grant administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. 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 proposes to address school security through new technology, and training school personnel and students to prevent student violence. Also, the proposal will address the development and operation of school threat assessment and crisis intervention teams. The schools will be identified by the Riverside Unified School District upon receiving the grant award.

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

The grant term runs from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 will be a great benefit to the Police Department and the Riverside Unified School District. The grant requires a 25% in-kind match in the amount of \$62,500, which will be contributed by the Riverside Unified School District and Riverside Police Department. Funding for 50% of the in-kind match in the amount of \$31,250 has been included in the Police Department Supplies Account No. 3105000-426800. The in-kind match would consist of program supplies, goods and services to implement the training.

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