



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,889.81 FROM THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RIVERSIDE AUTO-THEFT INTERDICTION DETAIL TASK FORCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$150,889.81 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$150,889.81 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail Task Force for Fiscal Year 2018-19;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$150,889.81 into Revenue Account No. 9337900-334100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Police Department Account No. 9337900-440210 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 vehicle 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.

The Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) Task Force was formed in 1993. 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 with a term ending January 1, 2020. 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. 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 2017, Riverside County ranked number 8 in the top 10 law enforcement agencies reporting vehicle thefts in California. The City of Riverside reported 1,711 auto thefts in 2017. The RAID Task Force combated vehicle crime through conducting 2,752 vehicle inspections, and recovered 544 vehicles with an estimated dollar value of \$5,885,100. Also, auto theft investigations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 153 suspects, and 26 chop shop operations were identified and closed.

If accepted, the RAID grant for fiscal year 2018-19 would fund one full-time detective position, which includes 70 percent of the salary and benefits and 150 hours of overtime.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant funds are \$150,889.81, with \$138,697.06 to reimburse 70 percent of salary and benefits for one Police Detective position and \$12,192.75 for 150 hours of annual overtime. The existing Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 will absorb the remaining 30 percent (\$47,248.84) of salary and benefits for the Police Detective position.

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