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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: APRIL 16, 2019**

**FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STATE PROGRAM 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$495,251 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Accept the grant award in the amount of \$495,251 from the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program 2019.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept the grant award in the amount of \$495,251 from the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program 2019 into the Police Department Trust Account No. 0000721-225170;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$495,251, plus projected interest, to project account 9339000102-3745100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to project account 9339000102-44021000; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee, on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents including making non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 established the California Citizens' Option (COPS) program. This program allows eligible counties and cities to receive a proportionate share of COPS funds based on population estimates determined by the California Department of Finance. The funds are distributed to the counties who then set up a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) and appropriate funds to the various cities.

The Riverside Police Department has been awarded \$495,251 from the County of Riverside's SLESF Fiscal Year 2018-19 allocation. This is the 23rd year that the City has received this

funding. Use of the funds is limited to front line municipal police services and can only be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funding.

As required by statute, the City must establish its own SLESF to prevent funds received from being intermingled with any other funds in the City treasury. Beginning with this fiscal year (18/19), the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) established by the County of Riverside will no longer require city letters, expenditure plans and year end summary forms. However, in April 2002, Senate Bill 823 amended Government Code Sections 30061 and 30063 to require that the City Council appropriate existing and anticipated moneys exclusively to fund frontline municipal police services, in accordance with requests by the Chief of Police. Grant accounting for expenditures and revenues may still be subject to review or audit.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Police Department will use the grant award to continue funding civilian staff to assist customers, coordinate Police programs and process Police reports, thereby providing frontline Police services. These positions also increase the efficiency and effectiveness of officers in the field. The use of civilian support staff is an allowable expenditure under the grant. The Police Department will use the remaining grant funds to purchase equipment and/or vehicles. These funds must be expended by June 30, 2020.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The grant award is \$495,251 plus interest. No matching funds are required. Upon Council approval, an increase in revenues in the amount of \$495,251, plus projected interest, will be made to project account 9339000102-3745100 and expenditures will be appropriated in the same amount to project account 9339000102-44021000

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Attachment:	County of Riverside Allocation of Enhancing Law Enforcement Activities Subaccount for COPS and JJCPA
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