



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MARCH 3, 2020**

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STATE PROGRAM 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$497,248 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Accept the grant award from the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program 2020 in the amount of \$497,248 and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the grant award from the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety program 2020 in the amount of \$497,248 into the Police Department Trust Account No. 0000721-225170;
2. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$497,248 plus projected interest, to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 215, Police Department Project Revenue Account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 215, Police Department Project Expenditure Account; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee, on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents, including making non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 established the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (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 \$497,248 from the County of Riverside's SLESF Fiscal Year 2019-20 allocation. This is the 24th 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 fiscal year (18/19), the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) established by the County of Riverside no longer required 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, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant award is \$497,248 plus interest. No matching funds are required.

Upon City Council authorization, an increase in revenues in the amount of \$497,248, plus projected interest, will be made to project account 9341300102-3745100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount will be made to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 215 Police Department Project Expenditure Account 9341300102-44021000.

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