



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 11, 2023

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM BOARD OF STATE AND
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH
GRANT 2022/2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,026.85 – SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION**

ISSUES:

Accept a grant award from the Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant 2022/2023 in the amount of \$245,026.85, or the actual award amount, and authorize a concurrent supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept a grant award from the Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant 2022/2023 in the amount of \$245,026.85, or the actual award amount;
2. With five affirmative votes, and upon receipt of the grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of the grant award to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Officer Wellness 2023 program revenue and expenditure accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all necessary Grant related documents on behalf of the City making non-substantive changes as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program, established in the 2022 State Budget Act (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022), provides \$50 million for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health sources. Eligible law enforcement agencies received a portion of the funds based on the number of eligible officers.

DISCUSSION:

The Officer Wellness and Mental Health 2022/2023 grant award can be used for establishing or expanding officer wellness units, establishing or expanding peer support units, offering services provided by a licensed mental health professional, a counselor, or other professional that works with law enforcement. Program funds can be used in expanding multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health, and other programs or services that are evidence-based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness. The Riverside Police Department (RPD) will use the funds towards the RPD 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Goal 4 – Employee Wellness Program by creating programs that foster healthier lifestyles and support mental wellness.

RPD was allocated Program funding in the amount of \$245,026.85. Funds must be expended by December 1, 2025. RPD is required to submit an annual expenditure report and a final impact report due before December 1, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.4 – Support of programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The proposed grant funds will allow the Police Department to purchase the items and services needed for the wellness and mental health of sworn personnel allowing them to better serve the public interest, benefit the City's diverse populations, resulting in greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The proposed grant funds will allow the Police Department to purchase the items and services needed for the wellness and mental health of sworn personnel so they are able to continue to provide public safety services and ensure every member of the community has equal access to share in the benefits.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The proposed grant funds will be used to purchase items and services needed for the wellness and mental health of sworn personnel and will be made in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy. This funding source will reduce General Fund spending for the Police Departments wellness program.
4. **Innovation** – The proposed grant funds will be used to make purchases that will assist the Police Department in meeting the community's changing needs and prepare for the future.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The proposed grant funds provide the Police Department with a way to fund needed services and items without using the General Fund. This allows the Department to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$245,026.85, or the actual grant award amount. No matching funds are required. Upon City Council approval, an increase in revenues will be recorded in the amount of \$245,026.85, or in the amount of the grant award, and an equal amount of expenditures appropriated in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Officer Wellness 2023 program revenue account 9348500-334100 and expenditures account 9348500-440210.

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Availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Acting Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager
Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Award Memo
2. Distribution Schedule