

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 3, 2003

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Proposed Utilization for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds and Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher decreasing the amount of recognized revenue from the United States Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program by \$51,563, account 6225-107-401600. A total of \$190,000 in anticipated revenue was recognized during the fiscal year 2004 budget process, and \$138,437 was actually received.
2. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations from the Police Department's Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund 107 by \$38,897 to account 8005-107-401600, \$77,811 to account 8008-107-401600 and \$37,109 to account 8011-107-401600 for staffing of a Police Specialist II and a Police Corporal plus overtime.
3. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$15,380 from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund 207 unappropriated fund balance to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant revenue account 6839-107-401600 to serve as the required 10% matching funds.
4. Approve a journal voucher decreasing the amount of recognized revenue from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Grant (State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant) by \$63,174, account 6407-201-401400. A total of \$275,000 in anticipated revenue was recognized for the fiscal year 2004 budget and \$211,826 was actually received.
5. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations from the Police Department's Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund 201 by \$211,826 to account 8008-201-401400 for staffing of two Police Officers.

BACKGROUND

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds

The 1997 Federal Omnibus Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-208, provides \$523 million for the establishment of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The allocation of funds to local agencies is based upon a formula involving the number of Part 1 Crimes reported within each jurisdiction. Pasadena has been awarded \$138,437 in federal funds, which must be supplemented by a 10% cash match of \$15,380 for a total to \$153,817. Sufficient funding exists within the Asset Forfeiture unappropriated fund balance to meet the match requirement. The Police Department was required to submit an application that indicated the City's interest in these funds. The allowable expenditures that are relevant to the City of Pasadena include Police Department personnel, paying overtime to increase work hours, and procuring equipment/technology.

The Police Department is required to establish an advisory board to make non-binding recommendations for the use of the LLEBG funds. The advisory board must meet prior to the City Council's approval of the proposed expenditures. The advisory board consists of Commander Rick Law, City Prosecutor Constance Orozco-Morgan, Pasadena Unified School District Police Chief Mike Trevis, Pasadena Superior Court Commissioner Colette Serio, and Pasadena Mental Health Program Coordinator Gary Moody. The Board met on October 9, 2003, reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed expenditures from the LLEBG fund.

2003-2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund \$153,817

Proposed Expenditures

Staffing of a Police Corporal and a Police Specialist II	\$116,708
Overtime	\$ 37,109

The allocation of \$116,708 for the Police Corporal and Police Specialist II will allow the continued funding for the department's Youth and Family Services Unit. These positions, which exist today, based upon prior year grant allocations, serve to administer the Youth Accountability Board and allow the City to enhance public safety efforts involving this youthful offender prevention, intervention and enforcement program. The allocation of \$37,109 for overtime will increase work hours dedicated towards gang violence suppression.

Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Grant

As part of this year's State of California budget allocation, the governor authorized the continuation of funding under the Supplemental Law Enforcement Grant (Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS)) that provides for \$79,400,000 to supplement "front line" policing efforts at local levels. The police department has been awarded \$211,826. No matching funds are required. There is, however, a specific provision that prohibits supplanting of existing local or state funds. Allocation of funds to local agencies is based upon population. A Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee is charged with assuring that the funding is appropriately spent. This committee consists of the District Attorney, County Executive Officer, Sheriff, City Manager of Santa Clarita and Police Chief of San Fernando. Upon receipt of funding, the City is required to submit both monthly and annual reports to the Oversight Committee outlining expenditures.

Proposed Expenditures

Two Police Officers (HOPE)

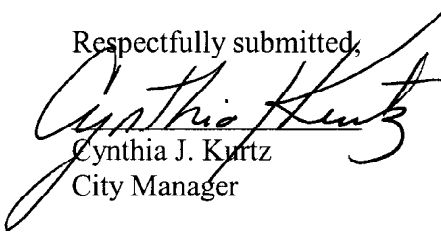
\$211,826

The allocation of \$211,826 will pay for two police officers to be assigned to a mental health outreach team. The officers will work with the homeless and transient population to try to find solutions to the problems that they pose for the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

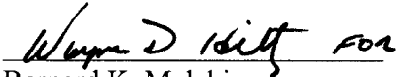
Approval of this recommendation will decrease fiscal year 2004 revenues by \$114,737 and increase appropriations by \$193,284 for the purpose of enhancing public safety. The remaining Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund balance will be approximately \$235,016 and the remaining Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund balance will be approximately \$489,420. Match funding for the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$15,380 is currently available within the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture unappropriated fund balance. The matching funds will be placed, along with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds, in the same interest bearing account. The transfer of \$15,380 will leave a fund balance in the Asset Forfeiture Fund of approximately \$163,937.

Respectfully submitted,



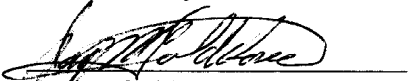
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