

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **Date:** NOVEMBER 20, 2000

THRU: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (NOVEMBER 6, 2000)

FROM: CITY MANAGER

RE: Public Hearing on the Proposed Utilization for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds and Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant Funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing to take testimony on the proposed utilization of these funds
2. It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$286,478 in revenue from the United States Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program and appropriate \$195,393 to the Police Department FY 2001 Operating Budget account 407600. The balance of these revenues were appropriated to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds by Council on 10/16/00.
3. It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher transferring \$31,831 from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture unappropriated fund balance to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant FY 2001 Operating Budget account 407600.
4. It is recommended that City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$312,216 in revenue from the State of California Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant and appropriating it to the Police Department FY 2001 Operating Budget, identified as the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, account 201-407400.

BACKGROUND

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds

The 1997 Federal Omnibus Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-208, was passed and provides \$523 million for the establishment of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program 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 \$286,478 in federal funds, which must be supplemented by a 10% cash match in the amount of \$31,831, bringing the total to \$318,309. Sufficient funding exists within the Asset Forfeiture unappropriated fund balance to meet the match requirement. The Police Department was required to submit an application, which indicated our interest in these funds.

The allowable expenditures that are relevant to the City of Pasadena include hiring new Police Department personnel, paying overtime to increase work hours, procuring equipment/technology, enhancing safety measures at locations deemed to be at risk for incidents of crime, and developing crime prevention programs.

As a requirement of this application process, the Police Department must establish an advisory board to make non-binding recommendations as to the utilization of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds. The advisory board is only required to meet prior to the City Council's approval of the proposed expenditures. The advisory board that has been constituted includes Commander Bruce Linsenmayer, Deputy City Prosecutor Constance Orozco-Morgan, Pasadena Mental Health Director of Community Based Programs, Mr. Bruce Banks, Pasadena Unified School District Acting Police Chief William Saltsman, and Pasadena Superior Court Commissioner Colette Serio. This Board met on October 18, 2000. After reviewing the proposed expenditures from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Fund, the Advisory Board unanimously concurred with the proposed expenditure plan.

Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant Funds

As part of this years State of California budget allocation, the Governor authorized the continuation of funding under the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) that provides for \$100,000,000 to supplement "front line" policing efforts at local levels. No matching funds are required under this offering. Included, however, is a specific provision, which prohibits supplanting. Allocation of funds to local agencies is based upon population. A Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) 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 SLEOC outlining our expenditures.

Also required is a public hearing regarding the proposed utilization of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds and Citizen's Option for Public Safety funds. A scheduled meeting of the City Council, which is appropriately noticed as such, meets this requirement. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it is then requested that the City Council authorize the Police Department to utilize the funds as specified below:

2000 ~ 2001 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund \$227,224

Proposed Expenditures

Overtime	\$168,309
Youth and Family Services Unit	\$58,915

The allocation of \$168,309 for overtime will increase work hours for front line law enforcement duties, that may include, but are not limited to, park patrols, youth intervention programs, gang enforcement, involved criminal investigations, etc.

The allocation of \$58,915 for the Police Department's Youth and Family Services Unit will allow the continued funding of one additional police corporal and one additional Staff Assistant III for one year. These positions, which exist today, based upon prior year grant allocations, serve to administer our public safety efforts involving youthful offender prevention, intervention, and enforcement.

2000 ~ 2001 Citizen's Option for Police Services Grant Funds \$312,216

Proposed Expenditures

Office Rental Space	\$ 27,000
Portable Radios	\$ 76,000
Administrative Services Section	\$ 25,000
Computer System Upgrades	\$114,216
Community Services Section	\$ 45,000
Community Policing Service Area Supplies	\$ 5,000
911 system upgrade	\$ 20,000

The allocation of \$27,000 will continue to pay for Office space for the Special Enforcement Section at Hen's Teeth Square.

The allocation of \$76,000 will provide for twenty new Motorola digital portable radios and associated equipment.

The allocation of \$25,000 to the Administrative Services Section will provide for two computers, a digital camera, and video projector, VCR's for the range classroom and personnel recruitment expenses.

The allocation of \$114,216 will provide partial funding to begin the replacement of the departments old (circa 1984 Software ~ 1990 Hardware) Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System and Mobile Computer Terminals.

The allocation of \$45,000 to Community Services will allow the Police Department additional funds for community youth programs, creating crime prevention activities and improving the quality of life for youth.

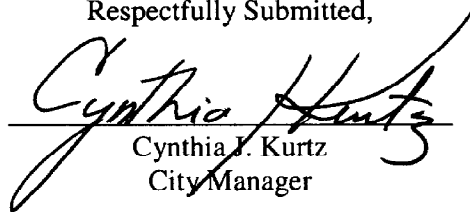
The allocation of \$5,000 for the five Community Policing Service Areas provides the funding to host community meetings and purchase the materials necessary to communicate effectively with community members to ensure their input and support.

The allocation of \$20,000 to the 911 system will provide funds to replace the Police Department's old 911 telephone call recording system.


FISCAL IMPACT


Approval of this recommendation will increase fiscal year 2001 revenues by \$598,694 for the purpose of enhancing public safety. Match funding for the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$31,831 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 \$31,831 will leave an unappropriated fund balance in the asset forfeiture account of approximately \$140,000.

Respectfully Submitted,



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