

Agenda Report

To: City Council

Date: November 15, 1999

Through: Public Safety Committee

From: City Manager

Re: Public Hearing on the Proposed Utilization for the State of California Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant Funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$316,435 in revenue from the State of California Assembly Bill 3229 known as the Citizen's Option for Public Safety and appropriating it to the Police Department, account 403140, identified as the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund. Further, it is recommended that the City Council hold a public hearing to take testimony on the Police Department's proposed utilization of these funds.

BACKGROUND

As part of this years State of California budget allocations, Governor Davis authorized the continuation of funding under the Citizens 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 prevents supplanting. Allocation of funds to local agencies is based upon population. A Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) is charged with assuring that 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 Finance Department 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 funds. This scheduled meeting of the City Council was appropriately noticed as such and meets that

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requirement. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it is requested that the City Council authorize the Police Department to utilize the funds as specified below:

1999-2000 State of Calif. Citizen's Option for Public Safety Fund \$316,435

Proposed Expenditures

Computer Replacement	\$163,000
Range Upgrades	\$ 76,435
Trauma Counseling	\$ 25,000
Office Rental Space	\$ 25,000
Community Services Section	\$ 17,000
Recruitment	\$ 5,000
Community Policing Service Area Supplies	\$ 5,000

The allocation of \$163,000 will allow the Police Department to replace computer units that have become obsolete. Such technological upgraded computer units will allow police department employees to access more information and work with greater efficiency.

The allocation of \$76,435 for the Police Department Range will be utilized to upgrade the lower shooting range and training classroom. These upgrades will increase safety and create a facility that will be utilized as the Police Department's centralized training location.

The allocation of \$25,000 for trauma counseling will allow all Police Department personnel to have access to a police psychologist for short-term crisis intervention for early and effective counseling for those employees in psychological crisis.

The allocation of \$25,000 for renting office space will allow the Police Department's Special Enforcement Section to decentralize its operation, and move off-site for greater effectiveness and interaction with community groups, businesses, and individuals. This move also creates much needed office space within the police building.

The allocation of \$17,000 for the Community Services Section provides the Police Department additional funds to fuel programs directed at the youth of the community, creating crime prevention activities and improving their quality of life.

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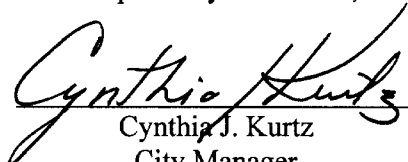
The allocation of \$5,000 for recruitment allows the Police Department to replace obsolete brochures, and other materials needed to project a "world class" organization, attracting the best possible applicants to our City.

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

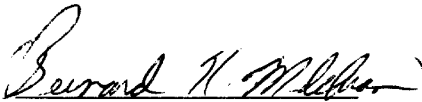
FISCAL IMPACT


Approval of this recommendation will increase Fiscal Year 2000 revenues by \$316,435 for the purpose of enhancing public safety. No matching funding is necessary. These funds will be placed within the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund in an interest bearing account. The current balance of this fund, excluding the revenue discussed in this report, is \$385,196.

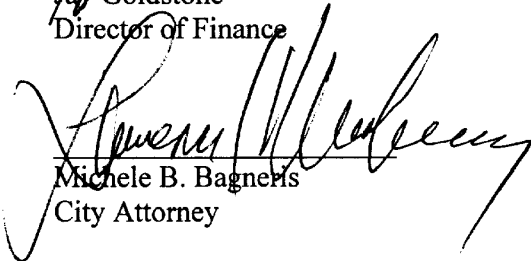
Respectfully Submitted,


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City Manager

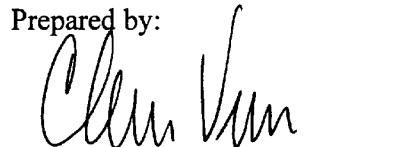
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