

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **Date:** DECEMBER 3, 2001

THRU: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$262,622 in revenue from the United States Local Law Enforcement Grant Program and appropriate \$32,897 to the Police Department FY 2002 Operating Budget account 8011 107 407600. \$229,725 has already been appropriated in the budget for FY 2002.
2. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$29,180 from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture fund 207 unappropriated fund balance to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant FY2002 Operating Budget account 8011-107-407600 to serve as the required 10% matching funds.
3. Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$274,597 in revenue from the State of California Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant and appropriating it to the Police Department FY 2002 Operating Budget, identified as the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, account 201-407400. \$162,996 has already been appropriated in the budget for FY 2002.
4. Approve the addition of two full-time Police Officer positions.

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 (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 \$262,222 in federal funds, which must be supplemented by a 10% cash match of \$29,180, for a total to \$291,802. 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 hiring 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 Marilyn Diaz, Deputy City Prosecutor Constance Orozco-Morgan, Pacific Clinics Assistant Director Dr. Kate Beilor, Pasadena Unified School District Acting Police Chief William Saltsman, and Pasadena Superior Court Commissioner Colette Serio. The Board met on October 31, 2001, reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed expenditures from the LLEBG fund.

2001 – 2002 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund \$291,802

Proposed Expenditures

Overtime	\$ 32,897
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The allocation of \$32,897 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.

Citizen's Option for Public Safety Grant Funds

As part of this year's State of California budget allocation, the Governor authorized the continuation of funding under the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) that provides for \$274,597 to supplement "front line" policing efforts at local levels. No matching funds are required. There is, however, a specific provision that 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.

Proposed Expenditures

Two Police Officers	\$196,000.
Laptop computer, digital camera	4,500
Office rental space	27,000
Crime scene equipment	25,000
Overtime for mental health officers	<u>22,097</u>
Total SLESF proposed expenditures:	\$274,597

The allocation of \$196,000 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.

The allocation of \$4,500 will provide for a laptop computer and a digital camera for the Event Planning Section.

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

The allocation of \$25,000 will provide for a fingerprint camera.

The allocation of \$22,097 will provide overtime for the mental health officers.

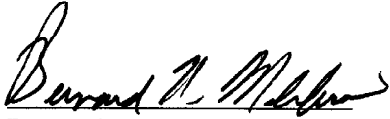
FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will increase FY 2002 revenues by \$537,219 for purpose of enhancing public safety. Match funding for the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$29,180 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 \$29,180 will leave an unappropriated fund balance in the asset forfeiture account of approximately \$345,520.

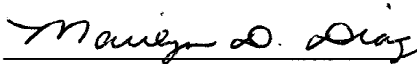
Respectfully submitted,


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