

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: October 11, 2004

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 projected revenue from the United States Law Enforcement Block Grant Program by \$80,240, account 6225-107-401600. A total of \$138,437 in projected revenue was adopted during the FY 2005 budget process and \$58,197 was actually received.
2. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations from the Police Department's Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund 107 by \$48,481 to account 8005-107-401600 and \$59,458 to account 8008-107-401600 for staffing of a Police Specialist II and a Police Corporal.
3. Approve a journal voucher transferring \$6,466 from the unappropriated fund balance of the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund 207 to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant revenue account 6839-107-401600 to serve as the required 10 percent 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 \$396, account 6407-201-401400. A total of \$211,826 in anticipated revenue was projected for the fiscal year 2005 budget and \$211,430 was actually received.

5. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations from the Police Department's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund 201 by \$155,303, account 8008-201-401400 for staffing of two Police Officers. (For clarification the remaining funds \$56,127 will be recognized in the FY 2006 Operating Budget.)

BACKGROUND

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund

The 1997 Federal Omnibus Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-208, provides \$115 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. The City of Pasadena has been awarded \$58,197 in federal funds, which must be supplemented by a 10 percent cash match of \$6,466 for a total of \$64,663. 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 a local 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 Pasadena Police Lieutenant Paul Gales, Pasadena City Chief Prosecutor Constance Orozco-Morgan, Pasadena NAACP Board President Joe Brown, Pasadena Superior Court Commissioner Colette Serio, Pasadena Mental Health Coordinator Becky Knudsen, and Pasadena Unified School District Police Chief Michael Trevis. The Board met on September 23, 2004, reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed expenditures from the LLEBG fund.

Proposed Expenditures

The allocation of \$64,663 will assist in the continued funding of a Police Corporal and Police Specialist II for the department's Youth and Family Services Unit. These positions, which exist today, based upon prior year grant allocation, 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.

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 Services 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 \$211,430. 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 Services 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

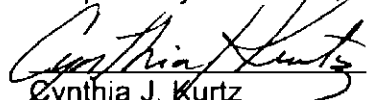
Two Police Officers (HOPE) \$211,430

The allocation of \$211,430 will pay for two police officers 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 2005 revenues by \$80,636 and increase appropriations by \$263,242 for the purpose of enhancing public safety. The remaining Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund balance will be approximately \$98,796 and the remaining Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund balance will be approximately \$556,174. Match funding for the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$6,466 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 \$6,466 will leave a fund balance in the Asset Forfeiture Fund of approximately \$282,320.

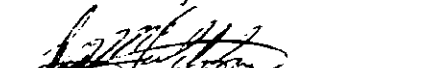
Respectfully submitted,


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