



Agenda Report

February 26, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Pasadena Police Department

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Find that acceptance of this grant is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060 © (2), 15060 ©(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project;
- 2) Amend the Police Department's fiscal year 2018 operating budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating expenditures of \$10,000 in grant funds awarded by USDA to support the investigation, prosecution, and crime prevention related to nutrition assistance fraud; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General to receive FY 2018 grant funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$10,000 and any subsequent agreements regarding this grant award.

BACKGROUND:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program) is the Nation's largest domestic food and nutrition assistance program for low-income Americans. USDA recently awarded \$10,000 in grant funds to the police

department to investigate fraud issues related to their nutrition assistance program. Fraud occurs when SNAP benefits are exchanged for cash and when applicants lie on their application to receive higher benefits than they are entitled. This grant will cover the overtime costs for officers in the Special Enforcement Section to assist in the investigation of fraud cases involving nutrition assistance programs.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal to ensure public safety.

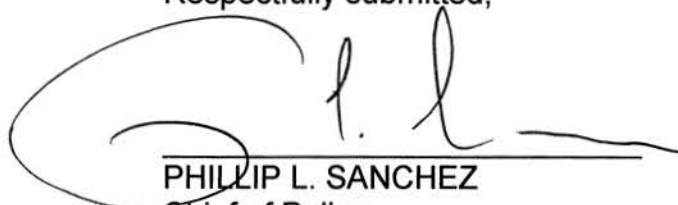
ENVIROMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not a project to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 © (2), 15060 © (3), and 15378. The acceptance and appropriation of a grant for continued policing activities is a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$10,000 from USDA to fund costs associated with the investigation, prosecution, and crime prevention related to SNAP fraud. Future funding will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year. There are no anticipated indirect or support costs such as maintenance and IT support.

Respectfully submitted,



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