



Agenda Report

July 8, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project proposed herein is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Modify the prior contract authorization with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for accepting of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Funds to reflect the City Manager's authority to contract with the San Diego Association of Governments for the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant.

BACKGROUND:

On October 2, 2023, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for accepting of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Funds. Upon staff's further review, the funds for the grant are not obtained through an agreement with the State, but rather, with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The original agenda report did not make mention of SANDAG. Therefore, a change to the Council authorization is recommended to reflect the correct entity name as San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to receive grant funds for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant. All other recommendations from the original report remain the same.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant fund will be utilized to conduct a series of extra community engagement and enforcement programs in high crime areas throughout the City of Pasadena. Such community engagement and enforcement programs are an effective way of reducing crime and building a positive relationship between law enforcement and the community.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plans and Goals to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed purchase order contract has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Such is the case with the proposed grant from the San Diego Association of Government (SANDAG).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action to confirm the prior contract authorization reflecting the full business entity name, and this action will not have indirect or support cost requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,



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