

Agenda Report

DATE: January 24, 2000

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Hutto-Patterson Foundation grant, in the amount of \$180,000, to augment the police department's efforts with the Youth Accountability Board and first-time youthful offenders.

RECOMMENATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$30,000 from the Hutto-Patterson Foundation and appropriating it to the Police Department's Youth Accountability Board Project Grant (#101-404120-91021). The total amount of the grant is \$180,000 and it will be allocated over a three year period. The remainder of the grant funding will be recognized in future fiscal years through the budget process.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Police Foundation, on behalf of the Pasadena Police Department, applied to the Hutto-Patterson Foundation for grant funding for use in augmenting the police department's efforts with the Youth Accountability Board. At its October 4, 1999, meeting the Hutto Foundation Trustees approved a three year grant of \$60,000 per year.

The Pasadena Police Foundation will act as custodian of the grant monies. Dispersal of the grant monies will be on a pay as you go basis, with \$30,000 allocated for the second half of FY-2000. \$60,000 will be allocated for FY-2001 and FY-2002, and the remaining \$30,000 will be allocated for the first half of FY-2003.

In January, 1998, the Pasadena Police Department initiated the Youth Accountability Board (YAB) Program. The Board is comprised of graduates from the Citizens Police Academy, with oversight and staff assistance provided by police personnel. The program is designed to offer first time juvenile offenders an alternative to the juvenile justice system, with a goal of reducing the number of repeat offenders. It takes approximately six months to complete and includes four meetings at the police department where the juvenile's progress, including school attendance and grades, is discussed. The juvenile

and his/her parent(s) must also attend weekly counseling sessions with local mental health professionals during this period, and tutoring is made available.

Participation in the YAB program is voluntary, and it is much more time intensive for the juvenile and his/her family than if they elected to go through the juvenile justice system. However, successful completion of the program will result in a clean criminal arrest record. Failure to satisfactorily complete the requirements of the program, or a second arrest during the program period, will terminate the juvenile's involvement with the YAB and the original offense will be referred to the juvenile justice system for criminal processing.

The grant from the Hutto-Patterson Foundation will allow the police department to increase its level of service to the juveniles. Each child enrolled in the YAB will have the opportunity to attend organized outdoor activities, such as those offered by Outward Bound Adventures and The Salvation Army. These organizations provide challenging outdoor environmental learning experiences for urban youth. More than just a fieldtrip, they use the outdoors to promote group involvement and inspire youth to use positive behavior to solve peer problems, build self-esteem and overcome life's difficulties. Additionally, monies from the grant will be utilized to update computer equipment used solely by officers assigned to the YAB, as well as miscellaneous YAB expenditures.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the above journal voucher will increase revenue and appropriations in the amount of \$30,000 for the Youth Accountability Board Project Grant (#101-404120-91021). The total amount of the grant is \$180,000 and is for a three year period. The remaining grant revenue will be allocated in fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003 through the operating budget process. There are no matching funds required for receipt of this grant.

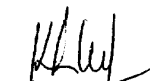
Respectfully submitted,


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