

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** MARCH 15, 1999

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**RE: Proposed Utilization of State Citizen's Option for Public Safety & Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funding**

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that City Council approve the City Manager's proposed utilization of funds to be received from the State of California Assembly Bill 3229 known as Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS).
2. It is recommended that City Council approve the City Manager's proposed utilization of funds from the United States Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program .
3. It is further recommended that City Council approve \$42,151.00 in Asset Forfeiture funds for the purpose of serving as the required funding match to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

## BACKGROUND

1. As part of this year's State Budget Allocation, Governor Wilson authorized the continuation of funding under Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) that provided \$100,000,000 to supplement "front line" policing efforts at local levels. No matching funds are required under this offering. Included however, is a specific provision, which prevents supplanting. Allocation of funds to local agencies is based upon population. A Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) is made up of the District Attorney, County Executive Officer, Sheriff, City Manager of Santa Clarita and Police Chief of San Fernando. Upon receipt of funding, the Finance Department is required to submit both monthly and annual reports to the SLEOC outlining our expenditures.
2. The federal Omnibus Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-119 provides funds for the establishment of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). 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 \$379,363 in

federal funds, which must be subsidized by a 10% cash match in the amount of \$42,151, bringing the total to \$421,514. Sufficient funding exist within the Asset Forfeiture account to meet this match requirement. No general Fund subsidy is required. The city was required to submit a tentative application indicating our interest in these funds. The police department submitted this application and on September 30, 1998, Pasadena was awarded the referenced amount.

Allowable expenditures relevant to Pasadena include the continued hiring of new personnel (2 FTEs), paying overtime to increase work hours, procuring equipment/technology, enhancing safety measures around schools or other locations deemed to be at risk for incidents of crime, and developing crime prevention programs

Required, as a component of the application process is the establishment of an advisory board to make non-binding recommendations as to the utilization of funds. That board has been constituted and includes Police Captain Rick Law, Deputy City Prosecutor Kim Resendez, Coalition for a Non-Violent City Executive Director Ibrahim Naeem, PUSD Police Chief Jarado Blue and Pasadena Municipal Court Judge Colette Serio. This board met to review proposed expenditures on January 14, 1999. It was the unanimous decision of this board to support the recommendation expenditures as proposed by the Police Department.

Also required is a public hearing regarding the proposed utilization of funds. This scheduled meeting of the City Council was appropriately noticed as such and meets that requirement. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it is requested that the City Council authorize the Police Department to utilize the funds as specified below.

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$379,363	\$ 42,151	\$421,514
Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS)	\$316,670		<u>\$316,670</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>\$738,184</b>

**Proposed Expenditures**

Overtime	\$178,184
Youth & Family Services	145,000
Radio Migration-Phase III	130,000
Property Room Shelving	120,000
Computers	40,000
Range	35,000
Community Services Van (PAL Program)	26,000
Special Operations	22,000
Community Services	17,000
Trauma Counseling	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$738,184</b>

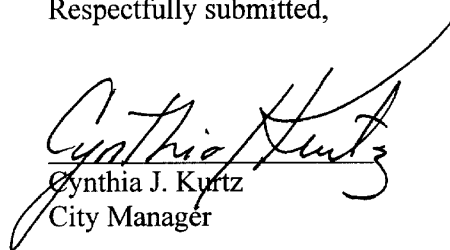
The allocation for digital radio and computer equipment constitutes a continuation of a program initiated last fiscal year under these grants. Additional computer purchases will assist the Police Department in the ongoing technology migration plan to include the completion of the infrastructure necessary to take advantage of the City wide enterprise network.

The allocation of \$145,000 will continue to fund one Police Corporal and one Staff Assistant III in the Special Operations Division, Detective Section, Youth & Family Services Unit for one year. These additional positions will further our program of youthful offenders intervention and accountability. The anticipated case load and follow-up responsibilities for this unit in activities related to diversion, intervention and accountability require the additional resources to ensure the success of new and on-going programs. It is anticipated that these positions will continue to be funded in future years through this grant and future offerings focusing on juvenile and domestic crimes

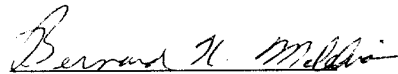
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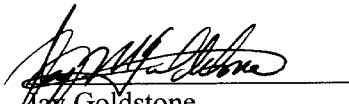
The Supplemental Law Enforcement funds and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds together with the asset forfeiture fund match will be recognized and appropriated with the fiscal year 2000 operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

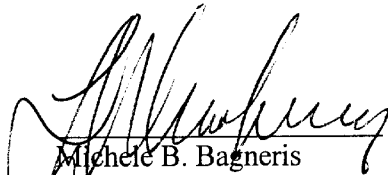
  
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City Manager

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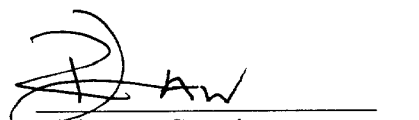
  
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