

# Agenda Report

**To:** City Council

**Date:** November 15, 1999

**Through:** Public Safety Committee

**From:** City Manager

**Re:** Public Hearing on the Proposed Utilization for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing \$369,194 in revenue from the United States Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program and appropriate it to the Police Department, account number 403121. And further, that the City Council hold a public hearing to take testimony on the Police Department's proposed utilization of those funds.
2. It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher transferring \$41,022 from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture account (403130) for the purpose of serving as the required funding match to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, account 403121.

## **BACKGROUND**

The 1997 Federal Omnibus Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, Public Law 104-208, was passed and provides \$523 million for the establishment of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The 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 \$369,194 in federal funds, which must be supplemented by a 10% cash match in the amount of \$41,022, bringing the total to \$410,216. Sufficient funding exists within the Asset Forfeiture account to meet the match requirement. There is no General Fund subsidy required. The Police Department was required to submit an application, which indicated our interest in these funds.

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The allowable expenditures that are relevant to the City of Pasadena include, but are not limited to, hiring new Police Department personnel, paying overtime to increase work hours, procuring equipment/technology, enhancing safety measures at locations deemed to be at risk for incidents of crime, and developing crime prevention programs.

As a requirement of this application process, the Police Department must establish an advisory board to make non-binding recommendations as to the utilization of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds. The advisory board is only required to meet prior to the City Council's approval of the proposed expenditures. The advisory board that has been constituted includes Captain Chris Vicino, City Prosecutor Tracy Webb, Boys and Girls Club Assistant Executive Director Larry Cole, Pasadena Unified School District Police Chief Jurado Blue, and Pasadena Municipal Court Commissioner Colette Serio. This Board will meet to review the proposed expenditures from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Fund on October 7, 1999.

Also required is a public hearing regarding the proposed utilization of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. A scheduled meeting of the City Council, which is appropriately noticed as such, meets this requirement. At the conclusion of the public hearing, it is then requested that the City Council authorize the Police Department to utilize the funds as specified below:

**1999-2000 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund                      \$410,216**

**Proposed Expenditures**

Overtime	\$160,000
Youth and Family Services Unit	\$150,000
Portable Radios	\$100,216

The allocation of \$160,000 for overtime will increase work hours for front line law enforcement duties, that may include, but are not limited to, park patrols, youth intervention programs, gang enforcement, involved criminal investigations, etc.

The allocation of \$150,000 for the Police Department's Youth and Family Services Unit will allow the continued funding of one additional police officer and one additional Staff Assistant III for one year. These additional positions will further our program of youthful offender "prevention, intervention, and enforcement". The caseload and follow up responsibilities for this unit require the additional resources to ensure the success of new

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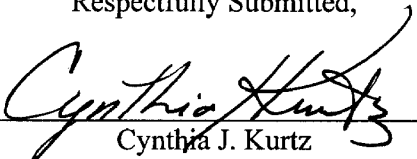
and on going programs. It is anticipated that these positions will continue to be funded in the future years through these grants and future offerings.

The allocation of \$100,216 for portable radios will allow the Police Department to continue replacing obsolete radio equipment and purchase "state of the art" digital radio technology. The conversion to digital technology is necessary to meet emerging federal standards.

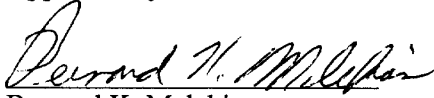
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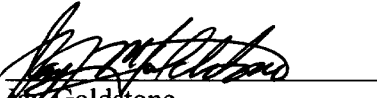
Approval of this recommendation will increase Fiscal Year 2000 revenues by \$369,194 for the purpose of enhancing public safety. Matching funding (\$41,022) is currently available within the Police Department's asset forfeiture account. These funds will be placed along with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds in an interest bearing account. The current balance of this fund, excluding the revenue discussed in this report, is \$6,093.

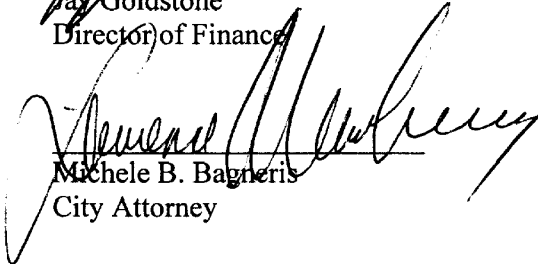
Respectfully Submitted,

  
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City Manager

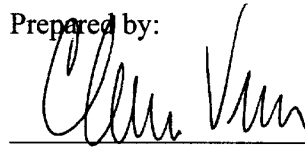
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