

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 11, 2006		Item Number: <u>PH-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing Regarding the Use of Monies for Front Line Police Services as a Result of Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding Grant Under the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lt. Ed Baughan		Phone Number: (310) 253-6320	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☒		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Publication in the Culver City News. Master notification List (12/06/2006)			
Department Approval: Donald Pedersen (12/04/2006)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (12/06/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (12/06/2006)			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing on the proposed use of fiscal year 2006/2007 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) money available from the State of California, Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) anticipated funding. By motion, direct staff to include these funds in the City's 2006/2007 fiscal year budget to continue funding a Property Technician position (civilian) in the Property & Forensics Unit. By motion, authorize the use of the remaining funds, approximately \$30,000 plus accumulated interest, to establish an overtime-funded officer task force to address "quality of life" influencing crimes.

PROCEDURE:

1. Motion to receive and file the affidavit of publication and posting of *Notice of Public Hearing*.
2. Call for a staff report and/or pose questions to staff.
3. Mayor opens public hearing, invites public comments.
4. Motion to close the public hearing.
5. Mayor calls for staff responses to questions from the public.
6. Discuss the matter and make your decisions.

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BACKGROUND:

The 2006/2007 state budget provides funding for the "Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding" program, which began during the 1996/1997 state budget year. The City of Culver City has been receiving various annual amounts of COPS funds at the end of the respective calendar years. This funding is a pass through grant from the State of California with the money received from the County of Los Angeles.

The Police Department is eligible once again to receive \$100,000 in SLESF monies for the exclusive purpose of funding "front line municipal police services." The proportionate shares are based on population estimates determined by the California Department of Finance. Those cities with populations less than 50,000 receive the minimum appropriation amount of \$100,000.

The funds are to be appropriated pursuant to written requests from the Chief of Police. The funding process is subject to a public hearing to consider these requests.

This is the eleventh (11th) year of funding for this grant. The grant requires that the funds be spend on front-line police services. At this time, the intended project for this grant is to continue the funding of one Property Technician position. The Property Technician position has proven effective at reducing the work backlog in the forensics unit and eliminated the need to fund officers on an overtime basis to work in that section. This year, as in the last two, Chief Pedersen is requesting that salary adjusted surplus above the costs of the Property Technician position be used for the establishment of an overtime funded Task force to address quality of life crimes.

Changing the planned expenditure for the funds is allowed and at the discretion of the Police Chief. No funds will be expended until the funding is received and there is not a required match. SLESF funds cannot be used to supplement an existing budget and must be used for frontline police services.

The grant funded Property Technician will result in an additional police officer on the street performing crime suppression activity. The grant funded overtime positions (funds exceeding the Property Technician's salary and benefit package) will result in an additional .25 officers on the street for a combined beneficial effect of 1.25 field officers.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Police Department anticipates acceptance and receipt of \$100,000 interest-bearing grant monies to fund front line police services. Estimated with interest to be \$103,005. One Property Technician position will continue to be entirely funded by the grant and the remaining monies used to fund the officer task force costs.

The estimated revenue receipt and appropriations are reflected in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget.

It should be noted, this is a ONE-TIME Funding Program. If the State discontinues this grant program, the City Council will need to consider either eliminating this program or funding it from the City's General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inter-Departmental Correspondence to the Mayor and City Council stating a preference for the SLESF Program funds.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a motion confirming the inclusion of these funds as reflected in the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 for the purposes of funding a Property Technician position in the Police Department; and,
2. Authorize, by motion, the use of the remaining grant funds (approximately \$30,000) to establish an overtime-funded officer task force to address "quality of life: influencing" crimes.