

MEETING DATE November 14, 2005

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

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Culver CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE **October 17, 2005**

TO **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

FROM **JOHN A MONTANIO, CHIEF OF POLICE**

SUBJECT **SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND**

CC **JERRY FULWOOD, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

GRANT INFORMATION

Government Code Sections 30061 et seq provides for supplemental local law enforcement funding under the State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety Los Angeles County manages the grant funds titled the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF)

In anticipation that the City would again receive \$100,000 00 as a participant in the County's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, you are receiving this memorandum in compliance with the requirements of Government Code Sections 30061 (c)(2) This section states in pertinent part that the City Council shall appropriate existing and anticipated monies exclusively to fund frontline municipal police services in accordance with a written request submitted by the Chief of Police

All SLESF monies must be expended to supplement existing services and not to supplant any existing funding for law enforcement services provided by the City

PROPERTY & FORENSIC UNIT'S CURRENT STAFFING

The Property & Forensics Unit in the Scientific Services section performs general identification and criminalist duties The unit makes and processes photographs fingerprints, conducts forensic services, catalogs and prepares evidence packages for storage and court presentation The unit is also responsible for safeguarding all property received by the Department as evidence, either found or for safekeeping

One Sergeant a Senior Forensics Specialist two Forensic Specialists and a Property Technician are assigned to the Property & Forensics Unit The

Sergeant and all Forensic Specialists are funded in the current budget. The Property Technician position was established and funded with the use of SLESF monies from a prior year's grant. Approximately \$39,000 of the overtime costs for such work, by either officers or Property & Forensics section personnel, was funded from the SLESF monies for the first year the position was established. This allowed additional officers to remain on the street to replace those being used for scientific services. Last year, all overtime funding for these activities came from the Department's overtime budget and the remaining SLESF monies were used to fund a task force for the specific purpose of addressing quality of life type issues in the city.

PROPOSAL

I request that the Department continue to use the SLESF grant to fund the Property Technician position in the Scientific Services section. The anticipated salary and benefit package for the position is estimated at \$68,000.00.

The remaining \$32,000.00, plus accumulated interest, will be again used to fund costs for overtime work performed by field officers to address quality of life issues related to the suppression of crime.

The continued assignment of a Property Technician to the Property & Forensics Unit has the effect of adding one additional officer to the street for crime suppression activities. The supplemental use of overtime monies to enforce the laws enacted for the improvement of the quality of life should have a long term effect of reducing overall crime in the city. Enforcement will be directed to parks, theaters, and to the downtown business district where quality of life offenses have a significant impact on the City's appearance and the public's perception of safety. In addition to other City Departments, the Task Force will be working with Elaine Hirohama in the City Attorney's Community Outreach Program to select areas of enforcement.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Lieutenant Ed Baughan at (310) 253-6260.


JOHN A. MONTANIO
Chief of Police

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 14, 2005, at 7 00 P M , the City Council of Culver City will conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers regarding the appropriation and use of Year 2006, Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds

It is anticipated that the Police Department will receive \$100,000 in SLESF funds

The Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 9770 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, parking entrance from Duquesne Avenue, City Hall is accessible to the handicap

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