



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR
November 29, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Douglas N. Hambleton, Chief of Police

Subject: Grant: Citizen's Option for Public Safety

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to appropriate \$150,830 in California Citizen's Option For Public Safety (COPS) grant funding for Fiscal Year 2006 to be used for a youth services counselor, volunteer coordinator, police aides, crime analysis, DNA testing, County of Alameda information systems data sharing costs, and other equipment needs; and to appropriate a remaining year-end fund balance of \$91,716 from prior years to be used to pay overtime for basic Community Involved Policing(CIP) training, professional instructors, ongoing CIP update training and activities, property crimes mitigation, and other equipment needs, and make any amendments thereto.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The new grant funds will be spent in FY 2006 and 2007 for staffing positions and programs that are not covered by the General Fund to include a youth services counselor, volunteer coordinator, crime analysis, and police aides, and non-personnel costs to cover accelerated DNA testing, Alameda County data sharing and other needed equipment totaling \$150,830.

There is no City match required for this grant. The only requirement for the new grant is that the funds be spent by June 30, 2007. New grant funds totaling \$150,830 have already been received by the City and deposited into Fiscal Year 2006 budget code 961-7003-331-2101.

The remaining year end balance from prior years of \$ 91,716 will be spent in FY 2006 on overtime for department wide basic CIP training, professional instructors, ongoing CIP update training and activities, property crimes mitigation, and necessary equipment. Appropriation of the \$91,716 is included in the first Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance. These funds must be spent before June 30, 2006.

BACKGROUND

The State COPS program is a supplemental funding source for local governments. There is no guarantee that this will be a continued funding source for the long term. In addition, the level of funding each year has been adjusting downward based on the State budget, a trend that is expected to continue in future years.

The grant program requires that these funds be used for "front-line municipal police services" which is also defined as including "anti-gang, community crime prevention and Juvenile justice programs." Staff has interpreted this language to cover spending the money on a youth services counselor who provides counseling services that counteract gang influences and prevent young adults from becoming involved in criminal behavior; on police aides working in the police department while continuing their education; on crime analysis to provide up-to-date information about crime patterns in the City; and on a volunteer coordinator to organize and work with citizens helping police officers with community crime prevention. Additionally, funds will help cover accelerated DNA testing to identify perpetrators of major crimes, Alameda County information systems data sharing costs, and related equipment.

Approximately 59% of the sworn officers have retired or resigned since CIP was initiated in 1994, requiring extensive training for new officers. The remaining year end balance from prior years of \$91,716 will be spent in FY 2006 on overtime for department wide basic CIP training, professional instructors, ongoing CIP update training and activities, property crimes mitigation, and necessary equipment.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Use of these grant funds relieves pressure from the General Fund, while allowing the Police Department to maintain front-line police services for the community.

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RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPROPRIATION OF \$150,830 IN CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND APPROPRIATION OF A REMAINING YEAR END FUND BALANCE OF \$ 91,716 FROM PRIOR YEARS

WHEREAS, the State COPS grant funding will provide the City with \$150,830 for front line enforcement needs; and

WHEREAS, the new grant funds will be used for a Youth Service Counselor, Volunteer Coordinator, Police Aides, Crime Analysis, DNA testing, County of Alameda information systems data sharing, and other equipment; and

WHEREAS, the remaining year-end fund balance of \$ 91,716 from prior years will be used to pay overtime for basic CIP training, professional instructors, ongoing CIP update training and activities, property crimes mitigation, and other equipment needs and will be included in the second Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the grant funds are available in revenue account 961-7003-331-32101.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to appropriate \$150,830 from State COPS grant funds to be used for a Youth Service Counselor, Volunteer Coordinator, Police Aides, Crime Analysis, DNA testing, County of Alameda information systems data sharing, and other equipment; and to appropriate the remaining year end fund balance of \$91,716 from prior years to pay overtime for basic CIP training, professional instructors, ongoing CIP update training and activities, property crimes mitigation, and other equipment needs, and make any amendments thereto.