

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: May 11, 2004

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Serving as the Fiscal Agent for Project Safe Neighborhoods as Administered Through the Office of the U.S. Attorney, Northern District of California for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in Support of the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and the Drug Education for Youth Program Within the Police Department

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, serving as the fiscal agent for Project Safe Neighborhoods as administered through the Office of the U.S. Attorney, Northern District of California, for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The funds will be used in direct support of the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and the Drug Education for Youth Program within the Police Department. The proposed program period for both initiatives is April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the grant funds are earmarked to offset base program expenses associated with the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program, which is designed as a collaborative enforcement effort to deter homicides in the City of Oakland. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) will be used to supplement the Department's current West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative through the implementation of the Drug Education for Youth Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department has received preliminary approval for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 from the State of California. The funds will be provided in direct support for the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and the Drug Education for Youth Program. Funds for the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program will be allocated in the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund: 2146; Org.: 102250; Program: PS12, in a Project Account to be determined. Funds for the Drug Education for Youth Program will be allocated in the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund: 2146; Org.: 104223; Program: PS12, in a Project Account to be determined. Funds for both initiatives will be allocated as follows:

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Oakland Homicide Task Force Program

Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Homicide Prevention Fund: witness relocation, and other case related expenses	\$50,000
Laptop/Desktop Computers	28,455
Homicide Workstations: desks, file cabinets	9,000
Color Printers	2,000
Digital Cameras	5,000
Digital Microphones/Tape Recorders	500
Pole Camera	2,500
Accountant Overtime (\$60/hr x 3/hrs/mo x 12/mos)	2,160
Central Services Overhead (17.77%)	385
TOTAL	\$100,000

Drug Education for Youth Program

Description and Use of Funds	Amount
On-Site Trainings and Pre-Camp Rallies	\$2,455
Sleep Away Camps	30,000
Mentorship Programs	5,000
Accountant Overtime (\$60/hr x 3/hrs/mo x 12/mos)	2,160
Central Services Overhead (17.77%)	385
TOTAL	\$40,000

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BACKGROUND

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime by implementing programs that sustain the reductions. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies as a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney's Office in each of the 94 county federal judicial districts. Each U.S. Attorney's Office is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state and local law enforcement, and other community members to implement PSN initiatives within its district.

In 2002, the PSN Task Force for the Northern District of California was formed, and subsequently identified five (5) target communities in which to focus strategic planning and accountability components in relationship to the U.S. Department of Justice's PSN initiative. The target communities are:

- Oakland
- Richmond
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Salinas

Oakland Homicide Task Force Program

Since 2003, the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program has worked closely with all members of the PSN task force for Northern California to address the ongoing problem of homicides in the City of Oakland. Special emphasis has been directed at:

- **Targeting violent narcotics traffickers**
- **Developing a strong collaboration between the PSN task force and the Police Department's Homicide Unit**
- **Targeted intervention to reduce the supply of illicit narcotics and guns within Oakland's borders**
- **Developing a three-dimensional database to track enforcement efforts and offenders**

Drug Education for Youth Program

The Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program was adopted from the U.S. Department of Justice's Weed and Seed DEFY initiative. The DEFY program provides children living in high-risk environments with the values, support, and tools needed to resist the lure of illicit drug use,

drug dealing and gang membership. The program provides opportunities for 90 youths, four teen mentors, and four adult chaperones/instructors to participate in two 3-part, 10-month programs aimed at educating youths (ages 9-12) and teens (ages 13-17) on the dangers of using drugs and gang participation. Sworn and civilian Police Department personnel work collaboratively with representatives from the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Contra Costa County Housing Authority, the City of San Jose, and the California National Guard, along with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office, to fully develop and implement the DEFY program.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Oakland Homicide Task Force Program is a coordinated law enforcement effort designed to strongly enforce existing gun and narcotics trafficking laws in order to reduce gun violence and ultimately save lives. The project focuses on:

- Reducing the supply of guns and targeting suppliers
- Targeting violent narcotics traffickers
- Apprehending illegal gun dealers
- Pursuing prosecution options that provide for enhanced sentencing penalties

The success of the DEFY program is founded on a mutual commitment by law enforcement and other community-based agencies to unite in their efforts to help youths achieve awareness and success by:

- Providing the skills necessary to combat the pressure that sets the stage for drug use/sales and gang involvement
- Offering youths/teens accurate knowledge about gang involvement, drug use and drug sales
- Providing youths/teens with the skills necessary to resolve conflicts peacefully
- Assisting youths/teens to identify and understand the need to set goals

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Supplies and equipment used for the project will, whenever possible, be purchased locally.

Environmental

There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

Social Equity

The services provided by both of the proposed programs will assist the community through improved police services.

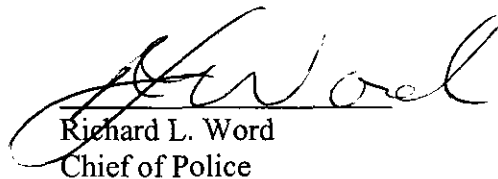
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues contained in this report

RECOMMENDATION

The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, in support of the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and the Drug Education for Youth Program within the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police

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Bureau of Services

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



Cheryl P. Thompson
Office of the City Administrator

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2004 APR 28 PM 5:17 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$140,000) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, IN SUPPORT OF THE OAKLAND HOMICIDE TASK FORCE PROGRAM AND THE DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that grant funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) will be received from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, in support of the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that up to \$100,000 of said funds shall be designated for the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program and \$40,000 shall be designated for the Drug Education for Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, these State of California grant funds are to be used to expand law enforcement efforts to address gun violence and narcotics trafficking problems through comprehensive programs within the City of Oakland; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept up to \$140,000 in grant funds from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services and appropriate said funds to the Police Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the funds for the Oakland Homicide Task Force Program shall be maintained in the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund: 2146; Org.: 102250; in a Project Number to be established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the funds for the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program shall be maintained in the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund: 2146; Org.: 104223; in a Project Number to be established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend the grant award; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant and funding agreements.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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