

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Deborah Edgerly  
**From:** Police Department  
**Date:** July 19, 2005

**Re: A Supplemental Report from the Chief of Police Providing Truancy Numbers Relative to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Weed and Seed Support Grant Program's Funding Agreement with Safe Passages for Implementation of the Truancy Prevention Program**

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### SUMMARY

On July 12, 2005, the Police Department presented a report and resolution authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Weed and Seed Support Grant Program. Authorization is also requested to enter into a funding agreement in the amount of \$40,000 with Safe Passages for implementation of the Truancy Prevention Program to be funded by the grant. The funds are to be used to support the Police Department's ongoing efforts to curb incidents of truancy and other youth-related criminal activities in Oakland. At that time, the Committee requested information on citywide and West Oakland specific truancy numbers for the first two years of the program (2003 - 04 and 2004 - 05) and the school year (2002 - 03) prior to receipt of the first grant.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts contained in this Supplemental Report.

### BACKGROUND

Operation Weed and Seed was established in 1991 by the U.S. Department of Justice as a community-based, multi-agency partnership approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. The goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in targeted high-crime neighborhoods, thereby providing a safe environment for residents that is free of crime and drugs.

In February 2002, the City received Official Recognition status for a new Weed and Seed site in West Oakland. The target area is comprised of portions of Community Policing Beats 6 and 7,

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primarily in census tracts 4014, 4015 and 4016 (a small triangular shaped 18-block area, bounded by Peralta Street, Mandela Parkway and Interstate 580.). Official Recognition status made the site eligible to submit a competitive application for initial funding in May 2002.

## KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

### Truancy Statistics

School Year	Citywide	West Oakland *
2004 - 2005	1,984	923
2003 - 2004	3,568	1,199
2002 - 2003	1,781	516

*\* These numbers represent the number of students CLASS picked in sweeps in the targeted area. Truants in the targeted area may be from any school in Oakland, not just Lowell or McClymonds, they may even be from other cities.*

The West Oakland Truancy Center is open from August 29 till the end of the school year, except for holiday closures September 5, November 11, November 21 - 25, December 19 - January 2, January 16, February 20, March 31, Apr 10-14, May 26 and 29, June 14. The 2004-05 school year was the first year of operation for the Truancy Center.

The Police Department, as part of the WOWSI program, shall continue its efforts related to truancy prevention. The OPD will maintain and expand intervention services through mentoring and other youth-based services, which will help youths recognize and avoid destructive influences in their school, social and family lives centered around truancy, delinquency, violence, sexual behavior, drug use, and gang activity.

## SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

This Supplemental Report contains no sustainable opportunities.

## DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

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

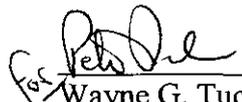
## RECOMMENDATION

Accept this Supplemental Report and, as recommended in the original report, authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 from the U.S.

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Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Weed and Seed Support Grant Program, and authorize a Funding Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with Safe Passages for implementation of the Truancy Prevention Program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Wayne G. Tucker  
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED  
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