

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator  
Attn: Dan Lindheim  
From: Police Department  
Date: June 8, 2010

Re: **Informational Report From The Oakland Police Department On The Status Of The Acquisition Of Grant Funds To Pay For Positions In Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB) And For The Oakland Street Outreach Program**

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### SUMMARY

As requested by the Rules and Legislation Committee, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) has prepared an informational report detailing the Department's efforts to secure grant funding to help fund additional positions in Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB) and to secure grant funding to fund additional Outreach Worker positions.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts associated with accepting this report. The Police Department is seeking \$1 million to fund 10 additional positions in CPRB and \$1 million to pay for additional Outreach Worker positions.

### BACKGROUND

In February 2010, the Public Safety Committee directed staff to seek grant funding to help pay for 10 complaint investigator positions in the CPRB and 10 additional Outreach Workers.

### KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Due to the severe budget crisis, the City is unable to expand or add positions to CPRB (City Administrator's Office) or Department of Human Services (DHS) without eliminating positions elsewhere in the City. For this reason, the Public Safety Committee directed staff to seek public safety grant funding to expand these programs.

#### *Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB)*

Representatives from the City Administrator's Office, the Police Department, CPRB and the People United for a Better Life in Oakland PUEBLO met to discuss opportunities to fund additional CPRB positions, and strategies to secure funding. OPD staff, the City Administrator's office, and the City's federal staff and state lobbyists have independently researched possible public safety grant opportunities for the CPRB positions. The only viable grant opportunity identified was the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant formula allocation. The City is currently utilizing the Byrne grant to fund two CPRB positions.

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The most promising funding sources that may be available are the following:

- Earmarks, which require a Council resolution to put on the City's earmark list;
- Current ARRA job creation funds, which will reimburse the City for up to 80% of the salaries of qualified individuals; and
- Pending job creation bills (such as HR 4812) that are being considered by the Federal Legislature.

Additionally, the City and PUEBLO both agreed to pursue acquisition of foundation dollars and to work with the Mayor's Office of Public Private Partnership for assistance.

### *Outreach Workers*

In coordination with the Oakland Police, Neighborhood Services Coordinators, and Department of Human Services, street-based outreach workers provide incident and "hot spot" specific outreach in high-crime areas at hours of peak need (nights and weekends). Outreach workers maintain a consistent presence in these neighborhoods and (along with case managers) create relationships with high risk youth and young adults and connect them to appropriate services and resources. Teams also work on longer range truce-negotiation and conflict mediation.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to cities wishing to implement programs such as the Outreach Program. Awards can be as high as \$2.2 million over 3 years. The due date is June 18, 2010. DHS and OPD are working together to put together a compelling application for this competitive grant.

This is the most promising grant opportunity for funding the City's Outreach Program; however, the City is also going to pursue the same funding opportunities described in the previous (CPRB) section such as working with foundations and with our lobbyists in order to secure funding for outreach.

### *Challenges*

The City's current and anticipated budget deficit will significantly impact the hiring of additional civilian staff, acquisition of office space, and funding of other operation and maintenance expenses. The grants for which the Department is eligible are generally narrowly focused on front line law enforcement research, planning and service delivery. Among the many resources that the Department has scoured for grant funds for Outreach Workers and Complaint Investigators are: the clearing house for Federal Grants ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)), the Office of Justice ([grants.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov)), and DOJ ([www.justice.gov/10grants](http://www.justice.gov/10grants)).

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

Economic: In other cities, the expansion of outreach worker programs has resulted in drops in violent crime. If the City were to see a reduction in crime, it would be a more attractive place for residential and commercial development, which would provide job creation opportunities.

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Environmental: There are no environmental concerns identified in this report.

Social Equity: If a sufficient number of civilians are hired in CPRB, they may be able to assume the complaint intake function currently performed by police officers in the Internal Affairs Division; thereby freeing up officers to respond to and investigate crime, which will enhance public safety.

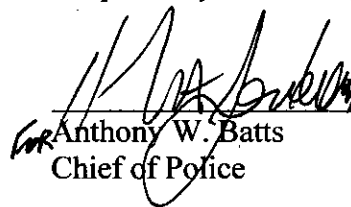
**DISABILITY AND SENIOR ACCESS**

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

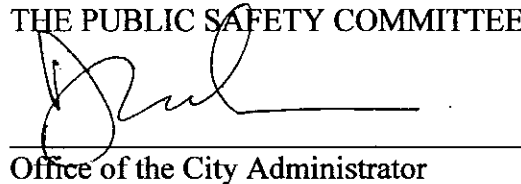
**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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