



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Steven Falk  
Interim City Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** SUPPLEMENTAL – State of  
California Citizens Options for  
Public Safety (COPS) Front-line  
Law Enforcement Grant Fiscal  
Year 2023

**DATE:** May 2, 2023

City Administrator Approval

Date: May 3, 2023

## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator, To Accept And Appropriate The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State Of California "Citizens Options For Public Safety " (State COPS Grant XXV) Allocation In The Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$665,579) To Fund Body Armor For The SWAT Team, Helicopter Maintenance, Records Division Workstations, Micro TraumaPak Kits, Medical Training Supplies And Equipment.**

## REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

Councilmembers requested a supplemental report at the special Public Safety Committee meeting on April 11, 2023.

They requested additional information for the following:

1. Analysis on other ways to use the allocated COPS Grant funds other than Body Armor
2. Detailed language that explains the COPS Grant, breaking down how the funds are used
3. In past COPS Grants how was the Funding for Human Trafficking operations used

The following are OPDs responses:

1. Analysis on other ways to use the allocated COPS Grant funds other than Body Armor

OPD can use the \$175,000 to fund the Crime Laboratory. The role of the Laboratory is to provide investigators with scientific conclusions about the value of physical evidence analyzed during the investigation of crimes. Crime Laboratory analyses aid in the investigations of:

- Sexual Assaults
- Homicides
- Violent gun related crimes

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- Cold Case Homicides
- Other public safety-related crimes (assaults, robberies, carjackings)

Since 2019, requests for laboratory services have increased by 150%. In 2022, the Laboratory was asked to provide Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) analyses in approximately 2000 requests, DNA testing in 300 requests, and latent print analyses in more than 200 requests.

COPS funding will be applied to help this deficit by purchasing scientific supplies and materials essential to the day-to-day operations of the Laboratory. Examples include but are not limited to DNA typing kits for quantitation and amplification of biological samples, ammunition for test firing of seized weapons, powders and, chemicals for the development of latent fingerprints, and organic solvents and chemicals for the analysis and identification of illegal drugs.

COPS funding will be used to support continuing education of scientists to fulfill accreditation and/or certification requirements and preventative maintenance of instruments and equipment needed for the day-to-day analyses (examples include microscopes, scales, GC-MS, and instruments used in the DNA typing processes). Supplies purchased with COP funding will be utilized in the analysis of active and backlogged case requests from homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, aggravated assaults, and property crimes.

## 2. Detailed language that explains the COPS Grant, breaking down how the funds are used

The State COPS grant includes the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. In 1996 the State of California passed Assembly Bill 3229<sup>1</sup> appropriating funding through the COPS grant for the purpose of supplementing front line law enforcement resources of local jurisdictions throughout the state. In 2000 the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program was created by the Crime Prevention Act via Assembly Bill 1913<sup>2</sup> to redefine frontline law enforcement services to include juvenile justice programs. The purpose of the grant is to provide additional resources to the local level for the purpose of ensuring public safety and support for state programs that assist communities to take a comprehensive approach to juvenile crime prevention and to address the needs of vulnerable youth and those of their families.

Current funding for the State COPS grant is allocated as such:

(1) Five and fifteen one hundredths percent (5.15%) to the county sheriff for county jail construction and operation.

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<sup>1</sup> Assembly Bill 3229 – [file:///U:/Funds%20and%20Projects/OPD%20Grant%20Projects/State%20of%20CA%20-%20Citizens%20Options%20for%20Public%20Safety%20\(COPS\)/AB%203229%20Assembly%20Bill%20-%20CHAPTERED.html](file:///U:/Funds%20and%20Projects/OPD%20Grant%20Projects/State%20of%20CA%20-%20Citizens%20Options%20for%20Public%20Safety%20(COPS)/AB%203229%20Assembly%20Bill%20-%20CHAPTERED.html)

<sup>2</sup> Assembly Bill 1913 – [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab\\_1901-1950/ab\\_1913\\_bill\\_20000908\\_chaptered.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1913_bill_20000908_chaptered.html)

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- (2) Five and fifteen one hundredths percent (5.15%) to the district attorney for criminal prosecution.
- (3) Thirty-nine and seven-tenths percent (39.7%) to the county and the cities within the county.
- (4) Fifty percent (50%) to the county or city and county to implement a comprehensive multiagency juvenile justice plan as provided in this paragraph.

3. In the past COPS Grant, how was the Funding for Human Trafficking operations used?

In FY 2015-2016 OPD used State COPS XVIII funds in the amount of \$175,000 for human trafficking operations. The funding was used to support additional Vice Operations as well as provide training, travel, and software to help combat human trafficking within the city of Oakland.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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