

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: November 14, 2006

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and One Dollars (\$95,701) from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Specialized Units Grant Program, for the Program Term of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, for the Police Department's Family Violence Intervention Unit, and Authorizing the Department to Hire One Full-Time Civilian Employee in Support of the Police Department's Family Violence Intervention Unit

SUMMARY

It is anticipated that the Police Department shall receive grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$95,701 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LESU) grant program. The funds are restricted for use in support of the Department's Family Violence Intervention Unit. The proposed program period is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the City to accept and appropriate \$95,701 in grant funds from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, LESU grant program. Funds will be appropriated to the State of California Grant Fund (2999), Youth and Family Services Division Org. (102350), Youth and Family Services Division Program (PS03), in a Project Account to be determined.

The grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$36,300.00. Matching funds will be provided by the Department's West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative grant program. Sufficient funds for the match are currently appropriated in the West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative Federal Grant Fund (2112), Police Neighborhood Services Division Org. (105320); Patrol Program (PS11); Project Account: (G299610).

Proposed expense allocations are as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Administrative Support (Administrative Analyst I)	\$51,370
Fringe Benefits (75% ¹)	20,049
Central Services Overhead (\$71,419 x 17.77%)	12,691
Subtotal:	84,110
Office Supplies	800
Domestic Violence Advocacy Brochures	2,200
Computer Equipment (for Advocates and other Unit Personnel)	8,591
Subtotal:	11,591
Total Grant Funds	95,701
Matching Funds (West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative) (33% of the total grant)	36,300
TOTAL	\$132,001

Additional fringe benefit costs in the amount of \$6,683.16 shall be expensed to the Department’s COPS MORE grant program. COPS MORE grant funds are currently appropriated in the Federal Grant Fund (2112), Bureau of Services, Administration Org. (103110), Agency-Wide Administration Program (PS01), Fringe Benefits Account (51611), Project (H95320).

The Administrative Analyst position is being developed to provide general administrative and accountancy services on behalf of the Family Violence Intervention Unit. The Department will make every effort to secure additional grant funds to maintain the Administrative Analyst position beyond the current grant term. In the event that the City Council does not authorize permanent funding of the position through the agency’s General Purpose Fund budget, then the position shall be eliminated once grant funds are fully expended.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999, the Police Department’s Family Violence Intervention Unit (FVIU) has assisted in providing improved advocacy response to victims of domestic violence and their children throughout Oakland. The Department has also improved its investigation of domestic violence cases by creating the Special Victims Unit; thus centralizing investigative functions.

¹ Fringe benefit calculations are based upon an annual rate of 52.04%.

Relocating the FVIU from the Criminal Investigations Division to the Special Victims Section has strengthened the partnership between the Police Department and the advocates. Domestic violence, sexual assault and child crimes investigators team with the civilian advocates to impact a larger portion of the affected community. The FVIU is currently staffed by advocates who work during the day, while others staff the Over-Night Response Team (ONERT). ONERT advocates provide crisis intervention services during night and weekend hours, year-round.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

It is essential that Oakland continue to provide high-quality service to victims of domestic violence. Although overall domestic violence calls have decreased, the need for advocacy services remains high. Nationwide, only about 20% of domestic violence incidents are reported to police.

Domestic violence victims are most receptive to making changes in their situation immediately following an incident of abuse. The FVIU enables advocates to reach out to clients during this important window of opportunity and then continue providing services in the ensuing weeks. The best family violence programs around the country provide this type of mobile response, followed by longer-term contact.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Police Officers are instructed by OPD Special Order 7033 to contact ONERT as necessary, and to facilitate the advocates' direct contact with victims. Advocates are available to respond to the scene of the incident, or to another secure location (hospital, police building, etc.).

Advocates provide crisis intervention, assist clients with shelter placement and housing, and provide assistance in obtaining emergency protective orders. Advocates provide follow-up letters and telephone calls to victims, and support OPD investigators as appropriate. Ultimately, the advocates refer victims to the Alameda County District Attorney's Victim/Witness program, which provides court accompaniment and other support services.

The strengths of the FVIU include:

- Consistent with best practices nationwide
- Exploits the very small window of opportunity during which survivors of violence are most able and willing to make the most of resources

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- Makes services available to **all** domestic violence victims. Family violence victims are not required to reach out to service providers; the service providers come to the victims
- *Promotes victim safety by creating immediate and longer-term safety plans*
- Promotes high-quality policing. On-the-scene advocates help free Police Officers to gather evidence, make appropriate arrests, etc.
- Promotes better court outcomes. Family violence survivors who have received crisis advocacy are more likely to cooperate with the prosecution of their abusers.

In the 2005-2006 fiscal year, (the most current date for which statistics are available) the FVIU provided client advocacy services as follows:

- 7,500 direct contact services: (2,217 phone contacts, 155 walk-ins, 566 overnight emergency response calls, 22 daytime callouts)
- More than 4,500 resource letters

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Reducing incidents of domestic violence will enhance the City's ability to create a positive climate for economic growth.

Environmental

There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

Social Equity

The family violence prevention initiative assists the Department in providing Oakland neighborhoods with improved police services and enhanced police-community relations.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

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

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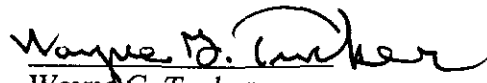
RECOMMENDATION

The Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$95,701 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Specialized Units grant program, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department. The Department also requests authorization to hire one full-time professional (civilian) employee in support of the Family Violence Intervention Unit.

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL


Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

 City Attorney

 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
 OAKLAND
RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS (\$95,701) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED UNITS GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PROGRAM TERM OF JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT, AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE ONE FULL-TIME CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE IN SUPPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Police Department will receive grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$95,701 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Specialized Units grant program for use in supporting the Police Department's Family Violence Intervention Unit (FVIU); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the funds to support its FVIU program operations for the term July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends to use part of the funds to hire one full-time civilian employee to provide administrative support for the Family Violence Intervention Unit; and

WHEREAS, required matching funds in the amount of \$36,300 will be provided by the Department's West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative grant program; and

WHEREAS, additional fringe benefit costs in the amount of \$6,683.16 shall be expensed to the Department's COPS MORE grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Family Violence Intervention Unit program facilitates the City Council's goal of crime reduction through City-wide community policing and other strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 78969 C.M.S., dated December 21, 2004, and Resolution No. 79536 C.M.S., dated October 18, 2005; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$95,701 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, and to increase revenues and appropriate said budget to the Police Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the grant funds shall be maintained in the State of California Grant Fund: 2999, Youth and Family Services Division Org.: 102350; Youth and Family Services Division Program: PS03, in a Project to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That matching funds in the amount of \$36,300 shall be acquired from the West Oakland Weed and Seed Initiative grant program, currently appropriated in the Federal Grant Fund: 2112; Police Neighborhood Services Org.: 105320; Patrol Program: PS 11; Project Account: G299610; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That additional fringe benefit costs in the amount of \$6,683.16 shall be expensed to the Department’s COPS MORE grant program, currently appropriated in the Federal Grant Fund (2112), Bureau of Services, Administration Org. (103110), Agency-Wide Administration Program (PS01), Fringe Benefits Account (51611), Project Account (H95320); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to add one full-time civilian position to the Police Department in support of the Family Violence Intervention Unit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the event City Council does not authorize permanent funding of the position through the agency’s General Purpose Fund budget, then the position shall be eliminated once grant funds are fully expended; and be it

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.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

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