

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: July 12, 2005

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (DOJ/COPS) for the Secure Our Schools (SOS) Truancy Prevention Program in the Police Department

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (USDOJ/COPS) Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant program. The proposed program period is September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. The funds will be used to support the Police Department's ongoing efforts to reduce the incidence of truancy and other youth-related criminal activities in Oakland.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the Department will receive federal grant funds of up to \$150,000 for the Police Department's Secure Our Schools Truancy Prevention Program. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the Federal Grant Fund: 2112, Campus Life And School Safety (CLASS) Org.: 102460; Youth and Community Services Program: PS13, in a Project Account to be determined. The program will be managed by the CLASS Section Commander. The program liquidation period is 90 days following the program end date. There is no match requirement. Expense allocations are as follows:

Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Personnel (Overtime rates for 1 Sergeant, 5 Police Officers, and 1 Accountant	71,997
Mentoring and Tutorial Services, Anger Management Workshops and Parenting Seminars	75,000
General Office Supplies	3,003
TOTAL	\$150,000

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Based on a 17.77% calculation rate, the cost for Central Services Overhead (CSO) charges are \$12,794 for salary and wages of \$71,997. The granting agency specifically disallows the City from using grant funds for indirect cost (CSO) charges. Therefore, the Department requests a waiver of said charges.

BACKGROUND

As a means to ensure public safety in Oakland by reducing truancy and juvenile delinquency, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) directs its delinquency prevention resources to maximize juvenile delinquency abatement while ensuring accountability and sustainability in the delivery of delinquency prevention and diversion services. This is accomplished through:

1. Targeted delinquency prevention and diversion services directed toward youths at highest risk for truancy and other juvenile delinquency issues.
2. Coordination of juvenile crime delinquency prevention efforts to ensure that agencies and partners serve targeted populations to prevent juveniles from committing repeated acts of delinquency or becoming chronic offenders.
3. Increased effectiveness and efficiency of delinquency prevention programs to ensure program successes are proportionate to program costs and program measurements include reliable, valid, and consistent data.
4. Establishment of programs which provide young people with emotionally and physically safe environments, opportunities to build healthy and positive relationships with adults and peers, meaningful leadership roles, opportunities for community involvement, and the chance to build practical life skills.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Citywide truancy rates remain at high levels. The Department has determined that there is a direct relationship between the large number of truants and the high daytime crime rate. According to the Alameda County District Attorney, Juvenile Division, youth encountered in the court system are often chronic truants, lacking the most basic skills such as the ability to read anywhere near their age/grade level. Left alone, these youth have such compromised life chances that they are likely headed toward a lifetime of repeat offenses and incarceration. The impact is two-fold; 1) Escalation in criminal activity (from petty crimes to full blown criminal enterprises), and 2) Loss of productivity, quality of life, and potentially, the loss of life itself, for youth caught up in this destructive cycle.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Enactment of the Secure Our Schools (SOS) Truancy Prevention Program will permit the Department to maintain and expand intervention services through mentoring and other youth-based services, which will help youth recognize and avoid destructive influences in their school, social and family lives, especially those centered around truancy, delinquency, violence, premature sexual behavior, drug use, and gang activity.

Primary program goals are:

Goal 1: To seek effective services for youth to reduce the likelihood of truancy and other youth-based crimes.

Goal 2: Youth remain outside the juvenile justice system, as a conscious choice.

Goal 3: Youth possess knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to navigate challenges and opportunities through middle school and high school.

Goal 4: Youth are connected to a caring, supportive community that includes positive mentors and role models.

Goal 5: Youth envision and pursue positive goals toward a positive future as productive, pro-social members of the community.

Program objectives include:

- Use of a strength-based, rather than a deficit-based, approach to help youth develop empathy, learn how to anticipate outcomes of their actions, see alternatives to negative behaviors, and recognize that they have choices.
- Empower families to support youth positive activities and efforts to succeed in school.
- Connect youth with pro-social peers.
- Link youth to highly structured program activities in the communities where they live.
- Broaden the programmatic continuum to better serve all program youth.

Program Activities

Truancy Patrols: Coordinate with CLASS Officers and Problem Solving Officers to determine pro-active prevention patrol schedules and locations. Conduct patrols and coordinate with school sites on the return of truants to schools and/or Oakland Unified School District Truancy Centers, as appropriate. Coordinate with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on youth arrested and charged with a crime to determine if community-based interventions are possible or desirable.

Truancy Prevention and Intervention Services: Truant youth shall be provided with support for stable school attendance and opportunities for positive mentoring. An overview of proposed programs and services include:

- Youths will be provided mentoring services throughout the program term.
- Youths will participate in academic programs and other similar services which promote the academic skills and well-being of young people.
- Student workshops will be conducted on media influences (alcohol and tobacco use, body image, negative stereotyping), community violence prevention, and school and family engagement, towards the goal of a healthy lifestyle and solid self-esteem for youth.
- Student workshops will be conducted on anger management, impulse control, and gang violence prevention.
- Parenting workshops will be offered to afford support and guidance in basic parenting skills, academic achievement, and general well-being.

Program emphasis will be placed on students enrolled at the middle school and high school level and will correspond with other school-based grant funded initiatives currently in effect within the Department.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Whenever possible, supplies and equipment used for the project will be purchased locally.

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Environmental

There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Social Equity

The Secure Our Schools initiative will assist in the Police Department's efforts to curb youth-based crimes and enhance police-community relations.

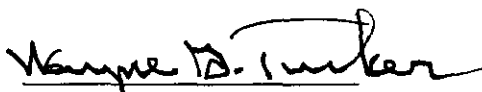
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

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

RECOMMENDATION

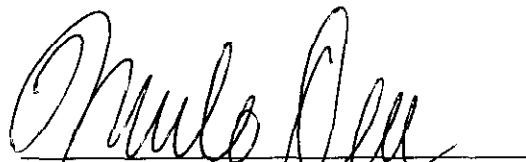
The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Secure Our Schools Grant Program, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

[Signature]
City Attorney
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (DOJ/COPS) FOR THE SECURE OUR SCHOOLS (SOS) TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that grant funds totaling up to \$150,000 will be received from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Secure Our Schools Grant Program, for the Truancy Prevention Program in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department directs its delinquency prevention resources in a manner so as to maximize juvenile delinquency abatement results while ensuring accountability and sustainability in the delivery of delinquency prevention and diversion services; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Our Schools (SOS) Truancy Prevention Program was developed as a means of ensuring a reduction in truancy and juvenile delinquency in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program does not allow for any indirect costs. Accordingly, a waiver for Central Services Overhead in the amount of \$12,794 is being requested; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, to be allocated to the Federal Grant Fund: 2112, Campus Life and School Safety (CLASS) Org.: 102460, Youth and Community Services Program: PS13, in a Project Account to be determined, for implementation of the Secure Our Schools Grant Truancy Prevention Program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That grant funds received for the Secure Our Schools grant program shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Central Services Overhead costs of \$12,794 (17.77%) are hereby waived; 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