



AGENDA REPORT

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City Administrator

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce \$75,000 for Security Cameras and Lighting

DATE: January 2, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date:

1/30/20

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Execute A Grant Agreement With The Oakland Chinatown Chamber Of Commerce (OACCC) In The Amount Of \$75,000 For Security Cameras And Lighting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this resolution will allow the City to execute a grant agreement in the amount of \$75,000 with the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, henceforth (Chamber). The Chamber has taken the lead and worked with the Oakland Police Department (OPD) on a proposal to install security cameras on private property at key locations in Chinatown to deter crime and aid in criminal investigations. Funds in the amount of \$75,000 were previously allocated by the City Council in the 2018-19 Mid Cycle Budget and are available.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In 2012, OPD and Chinatown Chamber jointly identified sixteen (16) Security Camera locations on private owned buildings and received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to execute the (16) camera project. On May 12, 2012, the City Council approved CDBG funds in the amount of \$83,000 via approval of Resolution No. 83861.

These cameras are being used as a key resource in the Oakland Chinatown District and enable OPD to review video surveillance of reported crimes. An additional twenty key locations were identified and approved for grant funding by the City Council in the 2018 Mid Cycle Budget Adjustment process.

ANALYSIS/POLICY ALTERNATIVES

In order for the Chamber to implement the installation of the next 20 camera and lighting locations, a grant agreement between the Chamber and the City needs to be executed. Although the City Council provided funding in the amount of \$75,000 an agreement between the City and the Chamber needs to be executed to transfer the funds.

Alternatively, City staff could take the role of a project manager to work with the identified private property owners and procure the cameras and lighting equipment for installation. However, no City staff have been identified, and the Chamber already has relationships established with the property owners and have worked with OPD to identify the scope of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of an agreement with the Chamber will allow the City to grant the Chamber \$75,000 for implementation of the next phase of security camera installation. Funds in the amount of \$75,000 are available in Fund 1010, Org 35211, Project 1004376 (Chinatown Lighting).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No specific public outreach was performed in support of this report; however, the subject of security cameras has been broadly discussed at Chamber meetings with OPD as well as the Chinatown Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC).

COORDINATION

This report was written in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney and the Finance Department, Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Installation of security cameras directly support business in the Chinatown area by promoting safety for customers, pedestrians and merchants.

Environmental: Security cameras and enhanced lighting make walking a more attractive option to potential customers.

Race and Equity: The installation of security cameras and lighting improves accessibility and safety for persons who depend on walking and public transit to access jobs, services, and recreational facilities.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or Designee to execute a grant agreement with the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$75,000 for security cameras and lighting.

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Respectfully submitted,



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