



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$166,711 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 POLICE GRANTS SECTION OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Police Department has received notice of the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant award in the amount of \$166,711 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. These funds were allocated to the Police Department using the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) grant as a model, which is based on city population and Part 1 violent crime statistics.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

On March 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance announced funding for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program. CESF will provide funding to assist in preventing, preparing for and responding to the coronavirus.

Allowable projects and purchases under the CESF Program include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to

the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

The Police Department received notice on May 27, 2020 of a CESF award in the amount of \$166,711. These funds were allocated to the Police Department based on city population and Part 1 violent crime statistics. Part 1 violent crimes include murder and non-negligent manslaughters, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assaults as reported by the FBI.

The Police Department has tracked the cost impact from the coronavirus, which now exceeds \$600,000. Because this grant has a retro-active start date of 1/20/2020, costs that have already been incurred may be reimbursed. The Department recommends using the CESF funds for reimbursement of both overtime and services and supplies costs that were incurred in Fiscal Year 2019-20 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Overtime expenses were incurred as a result of the implementation of an Emergency Staffing Schedule, designed to ensure adequate ongoing staffing to respond to this unique situation, and resulted in overtime above and beyond that normally generated in the normal course of operations. Additionally, it was necessary for the Department to purchase software licenses to enable more staff than normal to connect to City and Department information technology systems for continuing operations. Public service messages were developed to help keep the public informed of safety measures in Chula Vista, and personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies were purchased by the Department to aid in its response to coronavirus, which are reimbursable under this grant.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in the acceptance of \$166,711 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant and a one-time appropriation of \$131,461 to the personnel category and \$35,250 to the supplies and services category of the FY 2019/2020 Police Grant Section of the Federal Grants Fund. The funding from the U.S. Department of Justice will completely offset these costs, resulting in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting the grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Award Letter

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