



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



July 28, 2020

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$97,500 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 POLICE GRANTS SECTION OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Police Department has received notice of the 2020 Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program award of \$97,500 to advance innovative community policing projects across the country. Chula Vista has been awarded funding to address human trafficking using a multi-faceted approach, which focuses on both the supply and demand sides of the issue.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

A study of human trafficking in San Diego revealed the scale of the underground sex economy is considerably larger than accounted for. At \$810M per year, the underground sex trade in San Diego measures as the 2nd most lucrative illicit industry in the region behind drugs and almost equals gains from the illegal firearms trade. It is estimated there are 3-8 thousand unseen victims in the region. Statistics show the demand is much higher than data indicates. It is believed these crimes are not being reported, largely due to fear of reprisal. Victims are commonly embarrassed about their involvement and often feel they have no other options.

Chula Vista will combat the demand of buyers in our region who sexually exploit and traffic others for personal monetary gain. On the supply side, the Police Department will also educate and provide continuing follow up to exploited victims who are identified during investigations by connecting them with community resources so they may avoid returning to a life of exploitation.

For this initiative of advancing public safety through Community Policing, Chula Vista is the only agency in the State of California to receive this competitive grant funding.

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 \$97,500 for the 2020 Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program, and a one-time appropriation of \$92,500 to personnel and \$5,000 to supplies & services category of the FY 2020/2021 budget of the Police Grant Section of the Federal Grants Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact related to this allocation as no matching funds are required.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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