



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$559,634 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM, ADDING ONE PEACE OFFICER TO THE AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVEL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE POLICE GRANTS SECTION OF THE STATE GRANTS FUND (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Police Department has been awarded \$559,634 from the California Department of Justice for the Tobacco Grant Program. The grant funds will add one Peace Officer to the authorized staffing of the Police Department.

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

In November 2016, the citizens of the State of California approved Proposition 56, California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. Proposition 56 increased the tobacco tax by \$2.00, bringing the total tobacco tax up to \$2.87 per pack of cigarettes. The tobacco tax was levied on other tobacco products and e-cigarettes as well. Revenue from the additional tax has been allocated to physician training, prevention and treatment of dental diseases, Medi-Cal, tobacco-use prevention, research into cancer, heart and lung diseases, other tobacco-related diseases, and school programs focusing on tobacco-use prevention

and reduction.

In July 2019, Chula Vista Police Department submitted a grant application to the California Department of Justice, with objectives of reducing the appeal of tobacco/vape products to youth by using prevention, intervention, education and enforcement. To achieve those objectives, the Police Department proposed to use the grant funding to hire two School Resource Officers. In December 2019, the Police Department was notified of a grant award in the amount of \$559,634, which will fund one School Resource Officer. The grant award covers the period of December 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

As part of the grant acceptance, a Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Justice and the City of Chula Vista has been created to outline the grant award amount of \$559,534. In addition to the salaries and benefits of one School Resource Officer, the funds will be used equip the officer with uniforms, gear and equipment, as well as overtime costs for tobacco enforcement operations. Council acceptance of the grant funds will authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

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 an appropriation of \$190,120 to the FY20 Police Grants section of the State Grants Fund. Specifically, \$170,067 will be appropriated to personnel services, \$11,000 to supplies and services and \$9,053 to the Other Expenses category. The funding from the State of California Department of Justice will completely offset these costs, resulting in a no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Since the grant period covers multiple fiscal years, the adoption of this resolution will also direct staff to include \$369,514 in subsequent fiscal year budgets. Personnel costs for the School Resource Officer beyond the grant period are contingent upon additional grant funding or available City funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Memorandum of Understanding between California Department of Justice and City of Chula Vista for the Tobacco Grant Program

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