



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-084 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$52,426 FROM THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE POLICE GRANT FUND FOR HOMELESS OUTREACH EFFORTS (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

As part of the FY 2017 budget adoption process, City Council authorized the addition of two officer positions and an hourly Homeless Outreach Coordinator to establish the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The team analyzes environmental and societal factors related to the quality of life in Chula Vista as it relates to homelessness, developing strategies to deal with these factors, and implementing these strategies for the betterment of the community. Recently, the Police Department was awarded grant funding from the California Board of State and Community Corrections. The funds can be used to support the Homeless Outreach Team's efforts. The Police Department intends to use the funds to fund overtime, travel, and other urgent needs for the Homeless Outreach Team.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental Notice

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.

Environmental Determination

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 RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The Budget Act of 2016, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2016, allocated \$20 million to cities to increase positive outcomes between municipal law enforcement and high-risk populations. Local law enforcement agencies may use the funds to supplement, not supplant, the following: homeless outreach teams, Crisis Intervention Training for officers, Gang Resistance Education and Training

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(GREAT), resources for drug endangered children, outreach to high-risk youth, gang and violence prevention programs, and youth diversion programs.

The City created the Homeless Outreach Team to balance the needs of all citizens, including residents, businesses, and the homeless. The team addresses environmental and societal issues related to the living conditions of the homeless. It is comprised of police officers, public safety analysts, and representatives of community outreach organizations.

The Police Department has been awarded \$52,426 for the 2016 City Law Enforcement Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections. The Police Department wishes to allocate \$44,926 to fund overtime, and \$7,500 to fund travel and other urgent needs for the Homeless Outreach Team.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site specific and consequently the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations section 18704.2 (a)(1) is not applicable to this decision. Staff is not independently aware, nor has staff been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. Funds received for the Homeless Outreach Team efforts support the goal of Strong and Secure Neighborhoods by providing additional law enforcement presence in the community.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in a one-time appropriation of \$52,426 to personnel, travel, and miscellaneous services of the Police Grant Fund. The funding from the Board of State and Community Corrections will completely offset these costs, resulting in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact.