



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: September 14, 2010 REPORT NO: 10-122
ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of September 22, 2010
SUBJECT: COPS 2010 Child Sexual Predator Program Grant

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve and accept the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program Grant for \$403,434 via the US Department of Justice if awarded.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorizing the Mayor or his representative to make application to US Department of Justice, and to take all necessary actions to secure funding for an applied amount of \$403,434 pertaining to COPS Child Sexual Predator Program.
2. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to establish a special interest-bearing fund for the grants, if required.
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept up to \$403,434 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the US Department of Justice if the grant funding is secured.
4. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend up to \$403,434 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the US Department of Justice, for the purpose of implementing the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program if the funding is secured.
5. Authorize the Chief of Police to administer and operate this program.

SUMMARY

The San Diego Police Department has been invited to apply for the COPS 2010 Child Sexual Predator Program Grant. The purpose of these funds are for Law Enforcement Agencies to establish and/or enhance strategies to locate, arrest, and prosecute child sexual predators and exploiters, as well as enforce state sex offender registration laws.

BACKGROUND

According to the California Department of Justice, Megan's Law Database, approximately 40% of the 4000 sex offenders residing in San Diego County register their addresses in the City of San Diego. The San Diego Police Department currently has one full-time detective assigned to the SAFE Task Force who responsible for the 1600 registered sex offenders in the City of San Diego.

CONCLUSION

Through the funding from this grant, the SDPD will provide an additional full-time detective to the SAFE Task Force. A second full-time detective assigned to the SAFE Task Force would enhance the ability of the Department, and the SAFE Task Force, to address a greater number of community issues, to more effectively monitor those sex offenders residing in San Diego County and to operate more efficiently overall.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

All expenditures will be reimbursed via the grant award.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

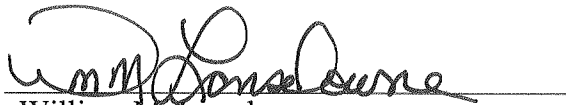
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

None.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS

Key stakeholders include the Police Department

Respectfully submitted,

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William M. Lansdowne
Chief of Police

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