



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



November 9, 2021

ITEM TITLE

Grant Award: Accept Funding From U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Operation Stonegarden

Report Number: 21-0176

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: Police

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.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution accepting \$70,001 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and appropriating said funds to the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grant Fund for Operation Stonegarden **(4/5 Vote Required)**.

SUMMARY

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the interception of terrorists and their weapons attempting entry across the nation's borders has become the priority mission of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Grant funding via "Operation Stonegarden" has been awarded to the San Diego County region to facilitate regional partnerships and enhance border enforcement capabilities. In coordination with the U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) and grant administration by the County of San Diego, the Police Department has been allocated an additional \$70,001 for Operation Stonegarden funding.

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

The mission of Operation Stonegarden is to deter illegal activity by criminal organizations using transit nodes and corridors that run throughout San Diego County, including the City of Chula Vista, through regional multi-jurisdictional collaboration, intelligence/information sharing and communication.

The Chula Vista Police Department is in the unique position of being geographically located in close proximity to the border (5 miles) with three main north/south arteries traversing the city. As a result, Chula Vista is positioned to interdict both north and south bound traffic. The Police Department will continue to participate in regional efforts of border-related criminal deterrence and intervention on an overtime basis.

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 Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining 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 a one-time appropriation of \$70,001 to the personnel category of the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget of the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grant Fund. The funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will completely offset these costs, resulting in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact accepting these grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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