



# CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



November 5, 2024

## ITEM TITLE

Grant Award and Appropriation: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Community Policing Development Microgrant program

**Report Number:** 24-0282

**Location:** No specific geographic location

**Department:** Police

**G.C. § 84308:** No

**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 \$112,745 grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Community Policing Development program and appropriating said funds to the Police Grants Section of the Federal Grants Fund. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

## SUMMARY

The Police Department has received notice of the 2024 Community Policing Development Microgrant award in the amount of \$112,745 from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). These funds will be used to expand the Police Department’s community engagement efforts by providing comprehensive academies to the community.

## 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**

On March 21, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) announced funding for the COPS Office FY24 Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants program. CPD Microgrants funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

The Police Department submitted a grant application on May 21, 2024 to enhance community engagement efforts. Specifically, the department will conduct various academies to give the community an opportunity to learn about law enforcement operations and have personal interactions with CVPD personnel. These academies will have a multidisciplinary training approach, based on a curriculum directed at building trust and legitimacy between law enforcement and the community. The curriculum will be based on practices steeped in justice, equity, diversity and inclusion for all participants. On September 30, 2024, the Police Department received notice of the 2024 Community Policing Development Microgrant award in the amount of \$112,745.

### **Teen Academy & Community Academy**

COPS grant funding will allow the Police Department to conduct two Teen Academies and two Community Academies. These academies will allow the community to learn about police operations and demonstrate how public safety is our top priority. For the academy specifically designed for teens, this curriculum will contain instruction surrounding issues that plague our teens, such as vaping/tobacco use, internet safety and teen domestic violence.

### **Community Leadership Academy**

Through grant funding, the Police Department will conduct two Community Leadership Academies, which will focus on the primary community concerns with regards to law enforcement operations. The course's curriculum will be designed for community leaders from the political, business, faith-based and neighborhood associations to help us maintain and strengthen our legitimacy, trust and open lines of communication.

With the COPS grant funding, these enhancements will bolster the Police Department's community engagement efforts and create a stronger bond between our organization and the community we serve. Funds are mainly used for staff overtime (\$104,376) to conduct the academies. \$3,000 will be used for supplies to conduct the academies and \$5,369 is funded for indirect costs to administer the grant.

## **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 the acceptance of \$112,745 in grant revenues from the U.S. Department of Justice, increased appropriations of \$104,376 to the personnel services category and \$8,369 to the other expenses category in the Police Grants section of the Federal Grants Fund. The table below outlines the spending plan for the Community Policing Development Microgrants program.

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>
Overtime costs to conduct academies	\$104,376
Other expenses	\$8,369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,745</b>

Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice will completely offset these costs, resulting in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

**ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact to the General Fund as a result of this action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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