

Council Meeting of
April 17, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police – Conduct public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety grant funding and appropriate and allocate funds. Expenditure: \$16,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2011 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding;
2. Receive input from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and Council as well as the public on the use of the grant funds; and
3. Appropriate and allocate \$16,000 to the recommended project.

FUNDING:

2011 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant.

BACKGROUND

In the July 1996-97 State budget, then-Governor Wilson signed a provision for law enforcement funding. AB 3229 established the Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) program, which is supplemental funding for local law enforcement for the purpose of insuring public safety. The legislation requires that the funds be used for the support of frontline municipal police services and must supplement funding for existing law enforcement services. This grant program is ongoing and it requires a budget appropriation each fiscal year to continue funding.

ANALYSIS

Torrance was allocated a total of \$235,810 under the 2011 COPS grant, payable in quarterly installments. To date, Council has appropriated and allocated \$51,500 from

the 2011 COPS grant, as follows: \$35,000 to the Victim Assistance Program and \$16,500 to the Dispute Resolution Program (February 7, 2012, item 13A). Staff requests that Council appropriate and allocated an additional \$16,000 as follows:

CCTV Design Consultant

The Police Department has an immediate need for funds to hire a consultant to design and write specifications for a closed-circuit security system. The proposed system is intended to enhance public safety within the City. The Department recommends allocating \$16,000 to hire a design consultant for the security system project.

The City will receive additional payments from the State for the 2011 COPS grant. Staff will return to Council at a later date to request appropriation of the additional funds.

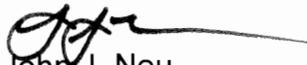
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU
Chief of Police



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Business Manager

CONCUR:



John J. Neu
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager