

Council Meeting of  
June 19, 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: \$62,719.02.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2010 and 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 \$62,719.02 to the recommended program.

**FUNDING:**

2010 and 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**

**2010 COPS Grant**

To date, the City of Torrance has appropriated a total of \$177,149.17 under the 2010 COPS grant, including interest. On February 22, 2012, the final payment for the 2010 grant year

was received in the amount of \$2,719.02. Staff recommends that the amount of \$2,719.02 be appropriated and allocated to the Police Cadet Program. The 2010 COPS grant will expire on June 30, 2012, fully expended.

The Cadet Program prepares and develops qualified individuals to enter the field of law enforcement with the Torrance Police Department. The program currently consists of eight Police Cadets who will participate in a variety of assignments as part of their career development, while they complete their college education.

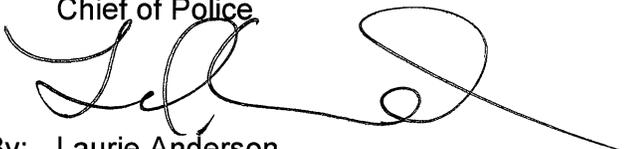
### 2011 COPS Grant

Torrance was allocated a total of \$235,810 under the 2011 COPS grant, payable in quarterly installments. To date, Council has appropriated and allocated \$67,500 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), and \$16,000 for a CCTV Design Consultant (April 17, 2012, item 13A). Staff requests that Council appropriate and allocate \$60,000 to the Police Cadet Program. The 2011 COPS grant will expire on June 30, 2013.

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

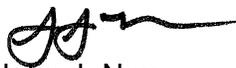
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
Chief of Police



By: Laurie Anderson  
Business Manager

CONCUR:



John J. Neu  
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager