

Council Meeting of
April 22 , 2008

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Convene a public hearing to reallocate funds among ongoing programs under the 2006 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant. Expenditure: none.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

1. Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2006 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. At the close of the hearing, reallocate \$28,000 of the 2006 COPS grant among ongoing programs.

FUNDING:

2006 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Funds.

BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2006, the City Council appropriated the 2006 COPS grant award in the amount of \$286,326. Under the terms of this grant program, the 2006 COPS grant must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2008.

ANALYSIS

There are funds remaining in Victim Assistance and Recruitment Incentives that cannot be used by the deadline. Further, the Cadet Program and Dispute Resolution Program are currently in need of additional funds.

The Police Department is requesting that the 2006 COPS grant award be reallocated among the following ongoing projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Initial Allocation</u>	<u>Proposed Reallocation</u>
Police Officer Recruitment	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Recruitment Incentives	10,000	4,000
Secondary Weapons	60,000	60,000
Victim Assistance	50,000	28,000
Dispute Resolution	15,000	16,500
Staff Assistant	75,000	75,000
Cadet Program	<u>56,326</u>	<u>82,826</u>
Total Award	\$286,326	\$286,326

The Police Department seeks approval to reallocate \$6,000 from Recruitment Incentives and \$22,000 from Victim Assistance. This would add \$1,500 to the Dispute Resolution Program and \$26,500 to the Cadet Program. 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 each participate in a variety of assignments as part of their career development. This reallocation will enable the Department to expend the entire award within the grant performance period, and will provide needed funding to the Police Cadet Program and the Dispute Resolution Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:


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Chief of Police


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