

Council Meeting of  
May 11, 2010

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police - Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229,  
Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding.  
Expenditure: \$24,354.37.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council:

1. Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2008 and 2009 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, appropriate and allocate \$24,354.37 and any interest to the recommended projects.

**FUNDING:**

2008 and 2009 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant funds.

**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

### 2008 COPS Grant

On July 7, 2009, item 13A, Council appropriated the 2008 COPS Grant and allocated the funds and any interest to the projects identified below. The 2008 COPS grant has an unspent balance of \$24,961.43 (including interest) which must be used by June 30, 2010. The Department recommends reallocating the funds to FEAP 731, the Forensic DNA Lab (FIS Lab), which was originally funded using 2009 COPS grant.

<u>FEAP</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
	2008 Victim Assistance Program	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
	2008 Dispute Resolution Program	\$17,000.00	\$16,500.00
FEAP 567	Uninterrupted Power Supply	\$5,000.00	\$4,918.00
FEAP 713	Police Scheduling & Timekeeping	\$50,979.20	\$30,000.00
FEAP 714	Glock Duty Weapons	\$17,762.50	\$17,178.07
FEAP 731	FIS Lab Workstations & Computers	\$0	\$24,961.43
	Unappropriated (accrued interest)	\$2,815.80	\$0
		<b>\$123,557.50</b>	<b>\$123,557.50</b>

### 2009 COPS Grant

On December 15, 2009, item 13A, Council appropriated and allocated a portion of the 2009 COPS grant to FEAP 731, the FIS Lab. Moving FIS Lab expenditures to the 2008 COPS grant frees up funds in the 2009 COPS grant. This reallocation of FEAP 731, combined with unappropriated grant funds and accrued interest, will fund the ongoing Victim Assistance and Dispute Resolution programs for next year, as follows:

<u>FEAP</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
	2009 Victim Assistance Program	\$0	\$30,000.00
	2009 Dispute Resolution Program	\$0	\$16,500.00
FEAP 731	FIS Lab Workstations & Computers	\$33,359.90	\$8,398.47
	Unappropriated amount (includes accrued interest)	\$28,496.40	\$6,957.83
		<b>\$61,856.30</b>	<b>\$61,856.30</b>

Summary:	2008 Unappropriated accrued interest	\$2,815.80
	2009 Unappropriated	\$28,496.40
	Less: Unappropriated carryover	(\$6,957.83)
	Total of this appropriation	\$24,354.37

In addition to grant funds received to date, the City is scheduled to receive two more quarterly payments from the State for the 2009 COPS grant. Staff will return to Council at a later date to request appropriation of any available funds under this grant.

**Victim Assistance Program**

In November 1996, Council appropriated and allocated \$100,000 in COPS grant funding to develop and support a Victim Assistance program. Additional grant funding was approved by Council in each subsequent year. The Victim Assistance program has proven to be very successful in meeting the needs of the community. The Department recognizes the value of the Victim Assistance program and recommends that \$30,000 be allocated to support its continued operation.

**Dispute Resolution**

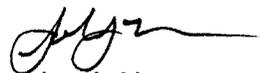
The Police Department's use of the City's Dispute Resolution program is significant, and it has become an integral part of the Department's Community Oriented Policing style. It is the Department's recommendation that \$16,500 be allocated and directed to the Dispute Resolution program in order to maintain funding for the use of this very important community program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

  
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Business Manager

CONCUR:

  
John J. Neu  
Chief of Police

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager