

Council Meeting of
October 26, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Appropriate and allocate the 2009 Recovery Act – Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity from the Southern Border of the U.S. grant to support a civilian Services Officer position. Expenditure: \$60,493.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate the Recovery Act – Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity from the Southern Border of the U.S. grant in the amount of \$60,493; and
- 2) Allocate the grant award to fund the salary and benefits of a civilian Services Officer.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in the Recovery Act – Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity from the Southern Border of the U.S. grant.

BACKGROUND

In September 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, informed the Torrance Police Department that it has been awarded the sum of \$60,493 under the 2009 Recovery Act – Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity from the Southern Border of the U.S. grant. Grant purpose areas include the enhancement of law enforcement activity to combat crime, with an emphasis on job creation and retention. Included in the Police Department's grant application was the conversion of the sworn Traffic Education Officer to a civilian Services Officer position.

ANALYSIS

The 2009 Recovery Act - Southern Border grant award will be used to support a civilian Services Officer position that was created upon civilianization of the Traffic Education Officer position in the Police Department's Traffic Division. Using these funds to support this position strengthens Police Department capacity to better leverage

sworn personnel while maintaining Department administrative operations and service levels.

The 2009 Recovery Act – Southern Border grant will fund the salary and benefits of the civilian, Services Officer. At current salary and benefit rates, staff projects that approximately \$53,000 of the award would be expended in the 2010-11 fiscal year, and approximately \$7,493 would be expended during fiscal 2011-12. Grant award appropriation and allocation will result in a one-time salary savings in the Police operating budget and allow the savings to be repurposed.

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

Finance Director's Note:

As part of the September/October Budget Revision discussion on October 12, 2010, the City Manager recommended reducing Sunday Library service from 32 Sundays to 16 Sundays to achieve savings of \$48,000 per year. The City Council directed the City Manager to restore the Library Sunday Hours and return to the City Council with a position deletion to off set the funding. It is recommended that the "re-purposed" funds be considered as a temporary funding source to offset the Library Sunday Hours. Item 12D addresses the funding for the Library Sunday Hours. The City Manager also recommends that the balance of funds (\$12,493) be transferred to the City Attorney's budget for professional services related to the Police Department.

Eric E. Tsao
Finance Director