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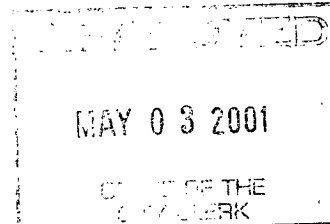
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM GRANT AWARD**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

- Accept the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grant award in the amount of \$7.64 million

CONTACT PERSON:

Chief of Police, Arturo Venegas, Jr., 264-5123
Lieutenant Cara Westin, Economic Development, 264-7327

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 3, 2001

SUMMARY:

The Police Department is requesting City Council approval to accept a \$7.64 million Universal Hiring Program grant award from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. This UHP award, administered by the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, provides grant funding for three-years to hire 51 new full-time entry level Police Officers. Consistent with the City of Sacramento's current grant policies, this funding can be used to expand community-wide policing programs throughout the City. Previous uses of UHP grant funding have included developing partnerships with the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Any future staffing increases to the Police Department's Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) levels, as a result of this grant, will be submitted for City Council approval. Public Safety partnerships currently being considered for staffing increases are School Resource Officers, Public Transportation and Light Rail Security, and Traffic Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety programs. The Police Department will return to City Council with further information regarding these proposals when the program plans, details and funding have been evaluated and developed.

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), COPS Office has officially awarded the City of Sacramento \$7,639,825 in grant funding to expand its community oriented policing programs. The initial grant award from the COPS Office was \$3,825,000, but the Police Department obtained a partial waiver for the grant's matching cost requirement for an additional \$3,814,825. This grant award will pay up to 90 percent of the salary and benefit costs of 51 FTE newly hired police officers for three-years. The UHP grant award funding can only be used to increase authorized staffing levels.

Consistent with the City's current grant policies, UHP grant funding can be used to form partnerships with other agencies to expand community oriented policing programs. Examples of previous uses of this funding includes partnering with the Sacramento City Unified School District for School Resource Officers and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency for housing security. Current policing programs being considered for expansion with the UHP funding include School Resource Officers, Public Transportation and Light Rail security, and Traffic Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety programs. Any Police Department staffing increases, as a result of the UHP grant funding, will be presented for City Council approval. The Police Department will return to City Council with further information regarding its policing proposals when the program plans and details have been evaluated and formalized. Before entering into any new policing agreements with other agencies, the Police Department will first ensure it has sufficient resources to meet its own staffing needs.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The UHP grant award will fund salary and benefit costs for 51 new entry level police officers. This grant will fund \$149,800.50 per sworn position for three-years. No equipment costs are allowed under this grant award. The UHP grant funding is provided by DOJ on a cost reimbursable basis only, i.e., the City is paid quarterly for salaries and benefit costs after the labor expenses are incurred by the City. The UHP grant has a fourth-year funding stipulation that requires the City to retain all the grant-funded positions at least one-full budget year beyond the grant's third-year funding cycle. Any additional salary and equipment costs incurred by the City as a result of entering into policing agreements with other agencies will be paid by the partnering agency. Policing programs which require the use of City funds will be considered as part of the FY 2002 budget process.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Accepting funds from the COPS Office to implement policing programs is consistent with previously adopted policy directed at citywide implementation of the community oriented policing philosophy.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This proposal does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

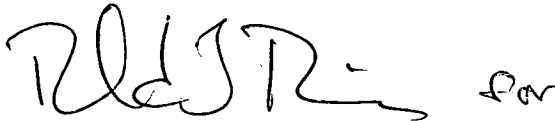
ESBD EFFORTS:

Goods or services purchased as a result of this agreement will be done in accordance with the City's ESBD policy.

Respectfully submitted,

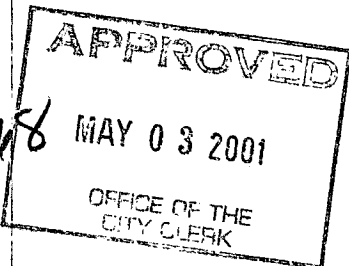

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Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

AV:cm

Attachments



RESOLUTION NO. *2001-248*

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento requests permission to accept Universal Hiring Program grant award funding from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

- 1. The City Manager of the City of Sacramento, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, UHP award funding in the amount of \$7,639,825, including any future extensions, modifications or amendments thereof, to fund new entry level police officers to implement Citywide Community Oriented Policing programs.
- 2. Any FTE increases to Police Department program staffing levels, as a result of accepting this grant award, will be subject to City Council review and approval.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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Resolution No. _____

Date Adopted _____