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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS FROM THE CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
BLOCK GRANT**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- That the Sacramento City Council act as a forum for a public hearing to discuss the proposed use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program's allocation of an estimated \$900,000 plus accrued interest and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program allocation of \$1,115,229 plus accrued interest.
- That the Sacramento City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing acceptance of funding for the Police Department from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund appropriation pursuant to AB 3229 which established the COPS Program and the LLEBG Program which includes a cash match of \$123,914. The required match is included in the Police Department's FY 99 Operating Budget.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: September 22, 1998

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.

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SUMMARY:

COPS Program

Over the last two years, the State of California has allocated approximately \$1.8 million to the Sacramento Police Department through the COPS Program (established in 1996 by AB 3229). This is the third year we will receive this funding. The Department proposes to use the funds to relocate the Police Academy from 625 H Street to McClellan Air Force Base, remodel the 625 H Street building for use as a police facility, and complete other necessary remodeling and upgrades to police facilities.

LLEBG Program

The Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) has directly awarded the Sacramento Police Department with funds from the LLEBG Program each year since 1996. The amount expected from BJA this year is \$1,115,229. A cash match of \$123,914 is required for the grant. The match is included in the Police Department's FY 99 Operating Budget. The Department proposes to use the funds for overtime.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The plan for the expenditure of the LLEBG Program funds was presented to the Criminal Justice Cabinet on August 13, 1998. The Cabinet approved the proposed plan. However, members did express concern as to how overtime overages were to be funded in future years.

BACKGROUND:

COPS Program

In 1996, AB 3229 established the COPS Program. Again, the COPS Program has appropriated funding from the State General Fund this year for use by local government for purposes of ensuring public safety. The State Controller has allocated funds to each county based on population. From that allocation, the Sacramento Police Department will receive an estimated \$900,000.

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LLEBG Program

In 1996, City Council authorized the Police Department to apply for funding through the LLEBG Program, which is administered by BJA. Each year since, the Department has received funding from LLEBG. A requirement of the funding is a 10% match.

Proposed Use of Funds

The Sacramento Police Department must use COPS Program funds to supplement law enforcement services. The proposed uses of these funds are for the relocation of the Police Academy, remodel of an existing building to be used as a substation, and complete necessary remodeling and upgrades to police facilities.

The Police Department proposes to use the LLEBG Program funds for the payment of overtime during the grant period. In FY 98, the Department exceeded its overtime budget by more than \$1 million. The Department experienced a high officer vacancy rate due to retirements and the length of time it takes to recruit and train new officers. This, combined with staffing of community events and handling of special neighborhood problems, resulted in a significant increase in overtime usage in order to provide minimum staffing levels in patrol. Salary savings from the vacancies and savings in other areas allowed the Department to offset the increased overtime costs.

It is anticipated that the Department will also exceed its overtime budget by \$1 million in FY 99. The Department is conducting a number of academies in order to fill existing vacancies and fill additional officer vacancies should the City Council approve additional positions if the sales tax measure passes in November. LLEBG funding will cover the additional unbudgeted overtime as the Department works to fill officer vacancies. It is projected that the overtime usage will be reduced as vacancies are filled and that increased overtime usage will not be an on-going problem.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The allocated funding available through the COPS Program is estimated to be \$900,000. These funds will be allocated by the State and administered by the County of Sacramento.

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The estimated allocation of funding available through the LLEBG Program is \$1,115,229 with a cash match of \$123,914. The match is included in the Police Department's FY 99 Operating Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The expenditure plan for the COPS Program funds and the LLEBG funds does not constitute a project and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).


POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Acceptance of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds and the LLEBG funds is consistent with past practices. This is the third year we will receive funds from these sources.

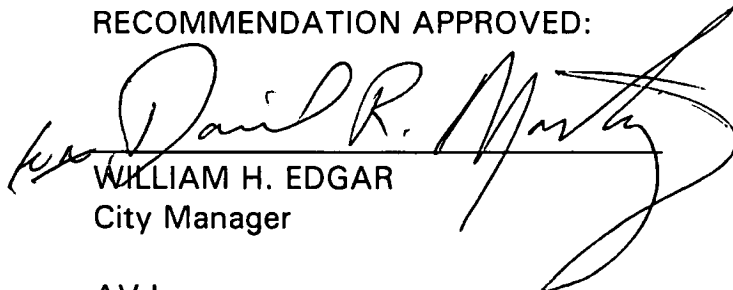
MBE/WBE:

Materials and services will be procured in accordance with the City's MBE/WBE policy.

Respectfully submitted:


ARTURO VENEGAS JR.
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-484

SEP 22 1998

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE
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ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS FROM THE
CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Whereas the City of Sacramento desires to use funds from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program to relocate the Police Academy, remodel 625 H Street for use as a police facility, and complete other necessary remodeling and upgrades to police facilities and to use funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program to pay overtime costs for the Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE 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 authorized on behalf of the City Council, which is the governing body of the City of Sacramento, to:
 - A. Accept funds from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund appropriation pursuant to AB 3229, which established the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program, in the approximate amount of \$900,000; and approve the use of these funds for the relocation of the Police Academy, remodel 625 H Street for use as a police facility, and complete necessary remodeling and upgrades to police facilities, and
 - B. Accept funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program in the amount of \$1,115,229; and approve the use of these funds for the payment of overtime for the Police Department.
2. The City of Sacramento's allocation of COPS funds be deposited into a separate Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____