



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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STAFF
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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant School Resource Officer Partnerships

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Authorize the use of \$1.25 million in Cop's-in-Schools grant funding; 2) Authorize ten additional FTE School Resource Officer (SRO) Positions for School Policing Programs; and 3) Approve SRO Contracts with Natomas and Sacramento School Districts.

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Presenters: Albert Nájera, Chief of Police, 433-0800

Department: Police

Division: Special Investigations Division

Organization No: 2142

Summary:

The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) is requesting City Council's approval to accept \$1.25 million in Federal grant funding and authorize \$5.6 million in contracts for police services to implement and expand SRO partnerships at both Natomas and Sacramento Unified School Districts. The SPD is also requesting the approval of ten new SRO positions for this program. Program costs include: Police Officer salaries and benefits, safety equipment and "Black and White" police vehicles. The combination of funding from a Federal Cops-in-School's grant award and school district SRO contracts will fund the total cost of this program during the school year. The school districts have agreed to fund, over a three-year period, the cost of the additional police vehicles necessary for this program. The approval of this program will result in the assignment of a total of fourteen full-time SRO's to Natomas and Sacramento Unified School District campuses for a period of four years.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Background Information:

In September 2004, the SPD was awarded \$1.25 million in Federal Department of Justice, Cop's-in-Schools funding to expand its SRO Program. This grant provides funding for the first three years of the program that helps pay for the salaries and benefits costs of ten additional SRO positions that work in and around City schools. The focus of our grant application was to address school crime, particularly gang-related, on City school campuses.

As a result of this grant, Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and Natomas Unified School District (NUSD) have agreed to contracts, pending Council's approval, to fund fourteen full-time SRO's during the 10 month school year. Ten of these SRO positions will be partially funded through the use of Federal grant funding for the first three years of the program. The school district will assume the full cost for the 10 months of the fourth year of the SRO contract. To implement this program, the SPD is requesting the addition of ten new SRO grant funded positions. The Federal grant and school district contracts will ensure the City's SRO partnerships continue for a minimum of four years. Listed below is a breakdown of the total positions funded by grants and contracts:

- Sacramento City Unified School District: twelve positions
- Natomas Unified School District: two positions

The Federal Cops-in-School's grant, in addition to the school districts' funding, will pay for the cost of the salaries, equipment, and vehicle expenses of the FTE's during the school year, when they are assigned on-campus. During the school districts' summer vacation period, the SRO's assigned to the school district campuses will be redeployed to the SPD's Gang Unit. As a result, during the summer vacation period, when gang-related activity is at its peak, staffing in the SPD's Gang Unit will increase by ten FTE's. During the last three years, within the City, the number of confirmed cases of gang-related homicides has approximately equaled the combined number of homicides resulting from both domestic violence and robbery.

The City's current SRO partnerships have had remarkable success in addressing, identifying, and preventing crime at the local schools. With the expansion of the SRO program, we hope to make continued improvements in school safety security. Currently, students that are involved in school policy violations, and have been identified as gang members or potential troublemakers, are being referred to prevention programs such as Project Save, La Familia Counseling Center, or Another Choice, Another Chance. With additional officers, more efforts can be made to reach students at the middle and elementary school levels to deal with truancy issues, conduct truancy sweeps, make home contacts and implement school safety programs.

To implement this program, the school districts have agreed to fund ten additional "Black and White" police cars at a total estimated cost of \$540,000. Each SRO in this program will have a police car assigned to them. The Police Department will fund the initial cost of the cars. This cost will be reimbursed by the school districts over a period of three years.

Financial Considerations:

The total cost to implement this program over four years is approximately \$6,818,434. This program will be primarily funded through a combination of school policing contracts and a Federal grant. In addition, the school districts have agreed to fund the ten additional "Black and White" police vehicles required for this program. The Police Department will fund the initial cost of these vehicles. This cost will be recaptured from the school districts over a period of three-years. If fleet budget adjustments are necessary, the Department will return to Council at midyear with any significant impacts as a result of this program. Future costs not reimbursed will be absorbed within existing Department resources. At the end of the contract period, if no funding sources are available, the program will be terminated and the Police Department's staffing will be reduced by 10 FTE.

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).

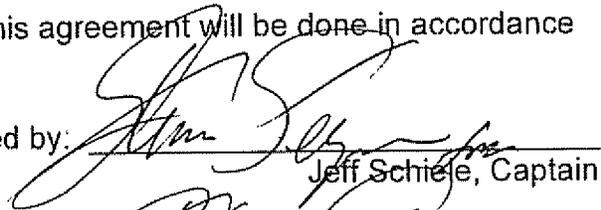
Policy Considerations:

Accepting funds to expand SRO partnerships is consistent with the City's current policy of addressing student safety at public schools.

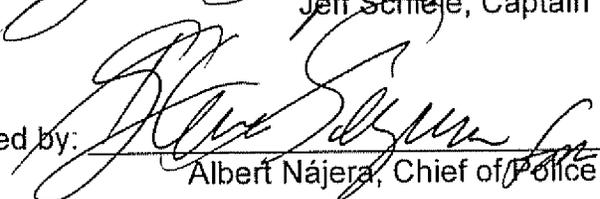
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

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

Respectfully Submitted by:


Jeff Schiele, Captain

Approved by:


Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS AT SACRAMENTO CITY AND NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

BACKGROUND

- A. In 1999, the City Council approved, by resolution, principles for providing safe schools for students and personnel on school campuses within the City of Sacramento. The intent of the report was to use existing police resources or pursue grant opportunities as appropriate to implement plans for addressing school safety.
- B. In 2004, the City was awarded \$1,250,000 in funding through the Cops-in-School's grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice to help fund ten School Resource Officers assigned to Sacramento City and Natomas Unified School District campuses.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to use, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Cops-in-School's Program, including any future extensions, agreements, modifications or amendments thereof, to implement School Resource Officer partnerships.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, agreements for School Resource Officer programs, including any future extensions, agreements, modifications or amendments thereof, with Sacramento City and Natomas Unified School Districts.
- Section 3. The Police Department's staffing level will be increased by ten (10 FTE) Police Officers (Organization 2142), which will be assigned, per the grant requirements, at least 75 percent of the time to School District campuses. At the end of the contract period, if no funding sources are available, the program will be terminated and the Police Department's staffing will be reduced by 10 FTE.

Section 4. The Grant Revenue Budget will be increased by:

255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Federal Revenue COPS grant	\$1,250,000
255-EFP-EXXX-3599	Other Agency Revenue, Schools	<u>5,568,434</u>
	Total Revenue Budget	\$ 6,818,434

The Grant Operating Budget will be increased by:

255-EFP-EXXX-41XX	Labor and Benefits	\$4,133,084
255-EFP-EXXX-4235	Vehicle O&M	811,960
255-EFP-EXXX-4632	Vehicles	540,000
255-EFP-EXXX-4431	Safety Equipment	83,390
255-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Labor and Benefits	<u>\$1,250,000</u>
	Total Grant Expenditure	\$6,818,434

Section 6. Establish a labor and grant offset budget in the General Fund for FY2005/06 as follows:

101-210-2142-41XX	Police Labor	\$1,203,702
101-210-2XXX-4715	Labor Offset	(\$1,203,702)