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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1997 COPS UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM
GRANT AWARD

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT

City.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution which includes the acceptance of the Universal Hiring Program grant award in the amount of \$17,252,921.

CONTACT PERSON

Et Paul Marshall, Economic Development Section, 264-7327

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF

August 26, 1997

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that Council accept the Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grant in the amount of \$17,252,921, which was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, and is administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This three-year grant program will allow for the hiring or retention of officers, which may be lost due to budget reductions.

Future staffing reductions may occur as a result of forthcoming budget reviews. The effects of the Department's budget and staffing levels are not yet known. The Department is currently

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developing a deployment plan relative to the use of officers funded by the UHP grant, and will return to City Council with recommendations following the mid-year budget review.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

At the time of application for the UHP grant, the City of Sacramento faced an \$11-14 million deficit for Fiscal Year 1997/98. The Police Department anticipated budget reductions of up to \$6.34 million, which would have amounted to the elimination of 101 full-time positions. The loss of these positions would have affected the Department's ability to provide basic public safety and community policing services. In an attempt to retain these positions, the Department applied for the funding under the 1997 COPS Universal Hiring Program.

During the 1997 budget hearings, the Council identified a total of \$2.95 million in staff reductions from the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 1997/98. This would have resulted in a loss of 44 positions. However, just prior to final budget approval, the Police Department secured grant funds sufficient to restore these positions temporarily for a six to twelve month period. Following the budget hearings, the Police Department was notified of the UHP grant award. The Police Department also received a full waiver of matching funds for the UHP grant - there is no cash match required from the City of Sacramento.

Mid-year budget review will occur during January 1998, and the Police Department anticipates further budget reductions and the loss of additional personnel for Fiscal Year 1998/99. The priority for the use of UHP grant funds will be the restoration of positions that would otherwise be eliminated as a result of budget reductions. The Police Department is currently working on a proposed deployment plan for officers hired or rehired with UHP grant funds, and will return to the Council following the mid-year budget review.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total funds awarded under the UHP grant is \$17,252,921. The UHP grant funding is allocated for three years: \$4,937,688 in year one; \$5,550,051 in year two; and, \$6,765,182 in year three. This grant fully funds entry-level officers for three years, including step increases and incentives. A City cash match may be required if UHP funds are used to restore existing positions eliminated due to budget reductions.

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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

Acceptance of the grant award is in accordance with prior City Council actions relative to state and federal grant awards. The intent of the UHP grant is to allow law enforcement departments to hire and/or retain needed officers. Declining acceptance of this grant will have an adverse impact on officer staffing levels and the implementation of public safety strategies, and may affect the Department's competitiveness in receiving federal grant awards in the future.

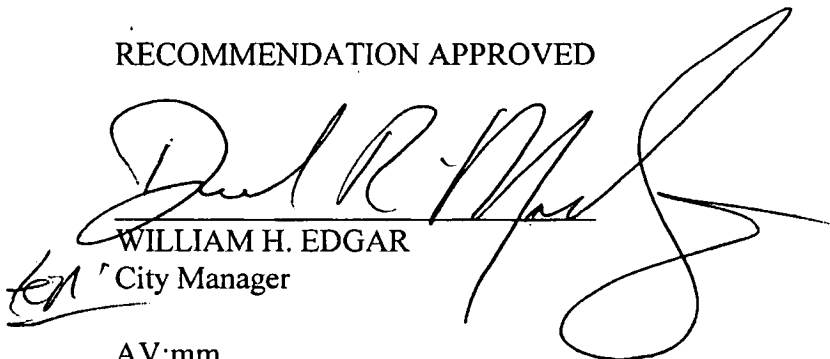
MBE/WBE CONSIDERATIONS

No goods or service will be purchased as a result of this grant award.

Respectfully submitted,


ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

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Attachment
REF: 8-27

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RESOLUTION NO. 97-505

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A
\$17,252,921 AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM

WHEREAS the City of Sacramento desires to hire or rehire police officers to maintain adequate Police Department staffing levels and continue to provide quality public safety services in Sacramento communities;

WHEREAS funding under the Universal Hiring Program grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, and administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, will allow the Police Department to maintain and/or increase its staffing levels in the face of anticipated budgetary and staffing reductions;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Sacramento that:

The City Manager, or a designated representative is hereby authorized to execute a grant award agreement on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in the amount of \$17,252,921, including any extensions or amendments thereof.

Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____

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