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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND
FIREARMS TO FUND THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND
TRAINING PROGRAM

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information only report regarding the Police Department's submission of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) grant application to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). No action is requested at this time.

CONTACT PERSONS: Captain Ernie Daniels, Family and Youth Services, 264-7985
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FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF: July 20, 1999

SUMMARY:

The Police Department has applied for a one year grant through a cooperative agreement with ATF to educate youth about the dangers associated with joining street gangs and participating in violent crime. Police officers will provide instruction to grade and middle school-aged children in gang prevention and anti-violence techniques. Approximately 2700 grade school and middle school students in Sacramento will be targeted for participation in the GREAT program.

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.

BACKGROUND:

GREAT began in the Phoenix metropolitan area through a partnership between the Phoenix Police Department and ATF. They developed a nine lesson middle school curriculum with the goal of reducing gang involvement and youth violence. Since then, a shorter third through sixth grade curriculum, as well as a summer component, has been developed. To date, law enforcement officers from hundreds of agencies throughout the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and military personnel overseas have been trained to present the curriculum. It has been estimated that more than 1½ million students have received GREAT. Research has shown that students who participated in the program acquired positive attitudes toward police, negative attitudes toward gangs and had more friends involved in pro-social activities.

For the 1998-99 school year, the Police Department, through the Gang Violence Suppression Grant, had one officer who taught GREAT three hours a week for nine weeks to middle school students. The GREAT grant would permit an expansion of the curriculum to include more middle school students as well as grade school students.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This activity does not constitute a "project" and is, therefore, exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 and 15378.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Police Department has requested \$69,375 in grant funds which would cover officer pay for a two-week training session in Phoenix, equipment, training materials and one vehicle. A 1.0 FTE Police Officer and a .5 FTE Police Officer will be dedicated to the GREAT program for the school year. Under this grant, the Police Department would absorb transportation/airfare costs for two officers to attend training in Phoenix prior to the 99-00 school year, estimated at \$398. All grant funds will be administered through the Police Department Fiscal Section.

This is a competitive bidding process nationwide for funding which will not be appropriated until October. However, ATF has requested that applications be submitted now so that they can be scored and ranked in advance, eliminating delays in distributing funds when they are awarded.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

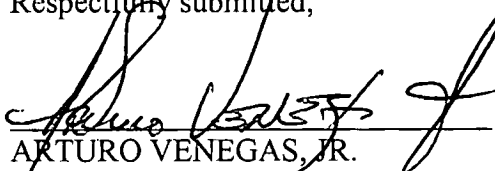
The Police Department's application for grant funding for the GREAT grant is consistent with past practices. If the grant is awarded, SPD will return to City Council to request grant acceptance authorization.

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ESBD/SBE CONSIDERATIONS:

Goods and services purchased for this grant will be in accordance with the Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully submitted,


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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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