



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
December 8, 2009

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Grant: Acceptance of Funding Safe Community Partnership

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to: 1) accept a \$200,000 grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2) establish a grant project for the grant, and 3) increase the Police Department's grant operating and revenue budgets in the amount of \$200,000.

Contact: Scott LaCosse, Captain, 808-0551

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Special Investigations Division

Department No: 11001241

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento continues to see high rates of youth violence, especially in relation to gang activity. The violence, which includes homicide, assaults with a deadly weapon, and robberies result in terrified communities and environments where young people consider violence as the norm.

To address this trend, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, through the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, earmarked \$200,000 in grant funding for the Safe Community Partnership. Sacramento's Safe Community Partnership is a collaborative effort between the Sacramento Police Department, the City's Office of Youth Development, County Probation, Parole, the District Attorney's office, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), as well as community-based and faith-based organizations. This effort will concentrate on youth violence intervention based on the Boston Ceasefire model, which is a proven data-driven outreach and intervention strategy for reducing youth homicides and gang-related violence (Background – Attachment 1).

Policy Considerations: The Sacramento Police Department is requesting to use the grant funds for a grant project known as Safe Community Partnership. The acceptance of the grant award is consistent with the goals of the Police Department as well as the City Council's strategic plan for public safety.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Safe Community Partnership receives support from different agencies, but currently lacks personnel to assist in the implementation and facilitation of the program. In addition, waiting periods for specialized services can be extensive so having them readily available will assist in the overall success of the program. The funds will be used to fund a part-time position to assist with coordination of the project (existing City position), as well as a stipend for services such as mental health services, drug counselors, and life coaches.

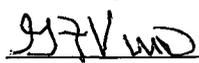
Financial Considerations: Funding will be provided from the US Department of Justice, by way of the Earmarks Program through Congresswoman Doris Matsui's office and is essential for the progress of the program. The \$200,000 grant award will be spread out over a two-year period (Proposed Budget – Attachment 2). There are no matching funds required and there is no current or future impact to the general fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Scott LaCosse, Captain

Approved by: 
Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

For years, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT) has worked to find ways to deal with youth violence. In early 2009, they were introduced to the Safe Community Partnership, who exposed them to a youth violence intervention program based on the Boston Ceasefire model. This model is a proven, data driven program that employs targeted strategies to get youth and young adults who are the “drivers of violence” off the streets through outreach and direct communication, and into jobs and support services.

Safe Community Partnership is a partnership among the Governor’s Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy, private funders, the Public Health Institute and several California cities. These partners are working together to implement an evidence based, data-driven approach designed to reduce serious gun-related street violence. The goal was to make communities safer while ensuring young people at risk of violence are provided with a real opportunity to turn their lives around.

Several organizations including ACT, the City of Sacramento’s Police Department, Office of Youth Development, SETA, Parole, the District Attorney’s office, Probation, as well as many faith and community-based groups formed to work as a collaborative under the umbrella of Safe Community Partnership. Sacramento’s Safe Community Partnership is planning a pilot project in the City of Sacramento. The strategy focuses on five building blocks for success:

1. Data Analysis: Identify the “drivers of the violence”; the “who, what, when, and where” of youth violence.
2. Direct Communication: A “call in” is set up where the instigators are invited to meet with a range of partners. They are told that if they stay away from the violence, the community will provide them with opportunities to succeed.
3. Support Services Pipeline: If the youth decide to seek assistance, they are connected to high quality employment opportunities. Social services and other support services are provided at this point as well.
4. Street Outreach: This component works to get the word out on the street to stop the violence, defuse tension, and gain community support for the intervention efforts.
5. Coordination of Law Enforcement Efforts: Criminal justice agencies target their enforcement efforts on the perpetrators, focusing on those young people that disregard the message to stop doing violence.

Additional funding is provided by SETA through the Cal GRIP grant for employment training and support services and a grant from California Endowment that pays labor costs for many ACT members. Currently, funding is being sought to assist with technical assistance.

Attachment 2**Proposed Budget**

Category	Description	Amount Year 1	Amount Year 2
1. Program Staffing:			
Part-time Project Assistant	960 hrs per yr at \$36 per hour	\$34,560	\$34,560
Personnel Benefits	12% X 2 years	4,147.20	4,147.20
2. Travel	Attend required Washington D.C. meeting - \$1,500 each (Mandatory)	3,000	0
3. Coaching Stipends and Support and Counseling Services	Provide mentoring and life skills coaching to youth, transportation to retrieve documents, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling as needed	59,792.80	59,792.80
	Total per year	101,500	98,500
	Grand Total		\$200,000

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND:

- A. Safe Community Partnership, a collaborative effort between the Sacramento Police Department, the City's Office of Youth Development, County Probation, Parole, the District Attorney's office, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), as well as community-based and faith-based organizations, recognized a need to deal with youth violence in the City of Sacramento by implementing an evidence based program based on the ceasefire model.
- B. In September 2009, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency have granted the City of Sacramento \$200,000 for Safe Community Partnership.

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

- Section 1 The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a grant award on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention which totals \$200,000.
- Section 2 The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to establish a grant project for \$200,000 grant award.