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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Application for a Federal Block Grant in the amount of \$1,096,791.

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT

City. All council districts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution officially authorizing the City Manager to apply for \$1,096,791 in funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

CONTACT PERSON Lieutenant Paul Marshall
Economic Development Section
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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF June 24, 1997

SUMMARY

The City of Sacramento is eligible for \$1,096,791 in one-time funding from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, which is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The Police Department proposes using these funds to partially offset the budget deficit of \$4.2 million identified in the Department's FY 1997\98 budget. The grant application process requires the authorization of the City Council. The BJA must receive the City's grant application by July 11, 1997. The Police Department must forward copies of the grant application to

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appropriate State agencies for review at least 20 days prior to submission to BJA. The earliest City Council meeting at which this matter could be addressed and receive public input was June 24, 1997. Due to the time constraint, it was necessary for the City Manger to sign the grant application, in anticipation of the City Council approving the attached Resolution.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act provides funding for implementation of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, which is administered by the BJA. The funding allocations for local jurisdictions were predetermined by Congress. The City of Sacramento is facing a budget crisis. All City Departments were directed to make staffing reductions due to a city-wide revenue shortfall. The Police Department's share of budget cuts amounts to \$4.2 million, which will result in the elimination of 44 positions. Use of BJA Block Grant funds will enable the Police Department to restore these 44 positions.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total amount of the grant program is \$1,218,657, of which the Police Department will receive \$1,096,791 in federal funds. There is a 10% cash match of \$121,866 required by the City. The Police Department is not requesting additional funds to cover the 10% match.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ongoing administrative and maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public works construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS


The application for grant funding to assist the Police Department to maintain or enhance existing services is consistent with past practices. The Police Department was mandated to cut 44 positions from its authorized staffing for the 1997/98 fiscal year. Use of BJA Block Grant funds will enable the Police Department to restore the positions that would otherwise be cut.

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MBE/WBE EFFORTS

The BJA block grant funds will be used to pay for personnel costs. No services or supplies will be procured.

Respectfully submitted,


ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

AV:plm
Ref: 6-27

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RESOLUTION NO. 97.368

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE,
FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
TO PARTIALLY OFFSET THE BUDGET DEFICIT
IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 97/98 BUDGET

WHEREAS the Omnibus Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Act provides funding for implementing the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, which is administered by the Bureau of Justice Administration; and

WHEREAS the program provides units of local government with funds to underwrite projects designed to reduce crime and improve public safety; and

WHEREAS the funding allocations for local jurisdictions are predetermined by Congress and the amount the City of Sacramento is eligible for is \$1,096,791; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Sacramento or his designated representative, is authorized on behalf of the City Council which is the governing body of the City of Sacramento, to submit the grant application for these allocated funds and is authorized to execute on behalf of the City Council any extensions or amendments thereof.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____