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Prepared By: Gil Ramirez Agenda Item No. I-10

Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Other (Specify) _____

DATE: February 27, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent
Recreation and Community Services [Signature]

SUBJECT: Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) FY 09 Gang Prevention Coordination & Assistance Program in the Amount of \$200,000.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for \$200,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) FY 09 Gang Prevention Coordination & Assistance Program to support the implementation of the Oxnard Alliance for Community Strength's (OACS) purpose of developing more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort among the City, law enforcement agencies, public and private service providers, and the general public with the objective of significantly curtailing gang involvement and its negative impact in the City of Oxnard.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreements; the Finance Director or designee to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds.

DISCUSSION

The OACS, established in January 2007, is a collaborative between the City of Oxnard and the County of Ventura to prevent gang violence in Oxnard. The partnership is co-chaired by the City of Oxnard's Mayor Thomas E. Holden and Mayor Pro Tem Andres Herrera and the Ventura County Board of Supervisor's Kathy Long and John C. Zaragoza. OACS' policy team is comprised of public- and private-sector stakeholders, including the City of Oxnard, the County Board of Supervisors, law enforcement officials, the directors of county agencies, superintendents of county and city schools and representatives from community-based organizations.

Over the last year community input was gathered from culturally diverse youths and adults including victims of gang violence. As a result of these interviews, a comprehensive Strategic Action Framework for Empowered and Thriving Youth (SAFETY) Blueprint and a Community Wisdom Narrative

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Consejos Report, were written. OACS is currently prioritizing specific activities in identified neighborhoods of the city.

OACS' efforts will focus on youth ages 0-24 years old and their families who live in the neighborhoods of Southwinds, Colonia and Lemonwood. The OJJDP Gang Assistance Program will enhance OACS' coordinated goal of supporting Oxnard's law enforcement's anti-gang strategies with: 1) Primary Prevention, 2) Secondary Prevention, and 3) Intervention that include: assessment of risk factors, development of resiliency factors, and intensive interventions for delinquent or gang-involved youth and their families.

OACS will measure the impact of Program activities with the assistance of an evaluator from California Lutheran University. The evaluator will engage participating partners in tracking evidence of increased coordination (short-term outcome), number of youth engaged in prevention and intervention activities (intermediate outcome) and resulting changes in crime data (desired long-term outcome).

The due date to submit the grant application was Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Due to calendar constraints and short turnaround of the application deadline, staff is seeking City Council approval at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact on City funds resulting from this action. No matching funds are required, however, the City will provide administrative support to the program.

GR:SB:mmn

Attachment #1 - Resolution Approval of Grant Submittal

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No.12,053, which sets out the procedure by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Recreation and Community Services has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) FY 09 Gang Prevention Coordination & Assistance Program for \$200,000 in grant funds to support the implementation of the Oxnard Alliance for Community Strength's (OACS) purpose of developing a more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort among the City, law enforcement agencies, public and private service providers, and the general public with the objective of significantly curtailing gang involvement and its negative impact in the city of Oxnard.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to approve the submittal of a grant application by the City Manager for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements; the Finance Director or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Recreation and Community Services' Superintendent or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 10 day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

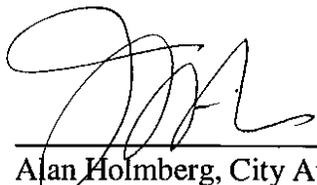
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

for
3.3.09