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Agenda Item No. I-17

Reviewed By: City Manager *MMK*

City Attorney *JP*

Finance *J.C.*

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DATE: June 8, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police *J. Crombach*
Police Department

SUBJECT: Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$4,376,328 in U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funds from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) for eleven (11) new entry-level police officer positions.
- 2) That City Council authorize the City Manager or designee to appropriate grant funds upon grant award.

DISCUSSION

In 2009 the Oxnard Police Department applied for twenty (20) new entry-level police officer positions through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP), a program of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Although the Department was not awarded the grant funds, the application was placed in a pending status. On May 25, 2010, the DOJ announced that agencies that were placed in this status were invited to revise/update their applications for further consideration, which would be reviewed under the CHP. The CHP is a competitive federal grant program that provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to create and preserve jobs and to increase community policing and crime-prevention efforts. The application process opened up on June 2, 2010 and closes on June 16, 2010.

Like the CHRP, the CHP will provide one hundred percent (100%) funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three (3) consecutive years, starting at the date of hire of newly created positions. No funding match is required from the City during this time period. The terms of CHP allow federal grant funds to supplement, and not supplant, the City of Oxnard's funds. In order to receive funding, the City of Oxnard must agree to sustain these police officer positions for at least one year following the conclusion of the three-year period.

Oxnard's request was revised from twenty (20) to eleven (11) positions due to newly added guidelines, which allow for a request that is no greater than five percent (5%) of the actual sworn officer workforce

that existed in 2009.

The CHP's headliner is "Strengthening community policing by creating and preserving sworn officer positions." This is an opportunity for the City to support the City Council's vision statement by placing additional police officers into service by utilizing federal funds for three years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this recommendation will have no effect on the General Fund Operating Reserve during the first three years (FY 2010-2011 through FY 2012-2013). This grant does not require any matching contribution. The funding will serve to supplement public safety and will not supplant existing effort. Following the conclusion of the third year (beginning with FY 2013-2014) the City of Oxnard would be required to fund the salaries and benefits of those officers that were hired under CHP. The FY 2010-2011 costs for salary and benefits for these eleven (11) officers are calculated at \$1,415,876. The above listed \$4,376,328 reflects the salary and benefit estimate of the grant's three years. Measure O revenues would be a potential source of funding when the grant funding expires.

Upon notification of the grant award, the Police Department will request approval for appropriation of grant funds from the City Manager or designee.

JB

Attachment #1 - Resolution Approving Submittal of Application

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice grant funds in the amount of \$4,376,328 from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP) grant funds to be used for eleven (11) new entry-level police officer positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves as follows:

1. The City Manager is authorized to execute and submit a grant application for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP).
2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements.
3. The Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds.
4. The Chief of Police or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
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