



AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: June 12, 2018

Agenda Item 6F
Approvals:
City Manager JM
Dept. Head ES
Attorney _____
Finance JV

Department: Finance & Administrative Services
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Subject: **CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS)**

Fiscal Impact: Yes. Revenue and expenditures are included in the FY 2018-19 budget.

Summary: Staff recommends that Council approve the use of COPS funds to pay for a portion of one patrol deputy position in FY 2018-19, per the requirements of AB 3229.

Background: In 1996 the California State Assembly Bill 3229 (Brulte) created the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program.

Discussion: The City of San Clemente will receive roughly \$100,000 from COPS Grant funds for FY 2018-19. AB 3229 requires the funds be used only for "front line municipal police services." The funds are meant to supplement funding otherwise not available for local public safety, including personnel, equipment and programs. These funds cannot supplant any other existing funding, and there is a prohibition on reducing general fund appropriations for law enforcement based on receipt of this grant.

Over fifteen years ago, Council agreed to add a new deputy position and use COPS funds to help pay for the position (the cost of one full time deputy position is approximately \$260,000 for FY 2018-19). Police Services recommends that we continue this policy and use this year's COPS funds to continue to pay a portion of this patrol deputy position:

1. Partial salary for a portion of one patrol deputy position \$100,000

The legislation calls for the City to establish a separate Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund (SLESF) where the funds received must be deposited. In FY 2002, the City established account #002-000-33585 for grant funds received from COPS grant. This account will continue to be used in the same manner to meet the requirements of AB 3229 for FY 2018-19.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council approve the use of COPS Grant funds for a portion of one patrol deputy position for FY 2018-19.

Attachments: None

Notification: None