



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: June 18, 2019

Agenda Item 6W

Approvals:

City Manager _____

Dept. Head JS

Attorney _____

Finance SC

Department: Finance & Administrative Services
Prepared By: Michael Johnston, Management Analyst

Subject: *CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS)*

Fiscal Impact: Yes. Revenue and expenditures are included in the FY 2019-20 budget.

Summary: Staff recommends that Council approve the use of COPS funds to pay for a portion of two patrol deputy positions in FY 2019-20, 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 \$140,000 from COPS Grant funds for FY 2019-20. 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 therefore prohibiting a reduction in 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 \$266,000 for FY 2019-20). At the City Council meeting on June 4, 2019, the City Council directed staff to use additional COPS Grant funds to help offset the cost of adding a new patrol deputy position. Police Services recommends that we continue this policy and use this year's COPS funds to continue to pay a portion of the original patrol deputy position and part of one of the new deputy patrol positions for the FY2019-20 budget:

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| 1. Partial salary for one patrol deputy position | \$100,000 |
| 2. Partial salary for a new patrol deputy position for FY2019-20 | \$40,000 |

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 2019-20.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council approve the use of COPS Grant funds for a portion of two patrol deputy positions for FY 2019-20.

Attachments: None

Notification: None