



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting Date: June 16, 2020

Agenda Item 65

**Approvals:**

City Manager ES

Dept. Head ES

Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Joe

**Department:** Finance & Administrative Services  
**Prepared By:** Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager

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

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes. Revenue and expenditures are requested in the amount of \$155,000.

**Summary:** Staff recommends that Council approve the use of COPS funds to pay for a portion of two patrol deputy positions in FY 2020-21, 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 \$155,000 from COPS Grant funds for FY 2020-21. 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 \$282,000 for FY 2020-21). Last year City Council directed staff to use additional COPS Grant funds to help offset the cost of 2 patrol deputy positions (one existing and one added patrol deputy). City Staff recommends to use this year's COPS funds to continue to fund a portion of two patrol deputy positions in FY 2020-21 for the amount of \$155,000, increasing from the prior year based on salary increases.

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 2020-21.

**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 2020-21 and

1. Appropriate \$155,000 in the Police Services Grant Fund, Account #002-217-43625 for the Police Contract.
2. Accept revenues in the amount of \$155,000 in State COPS Grant Revenue (account #002-000-33585).

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**Attachments:** None

**Notification:** None