

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Robert Schreeder, Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution of the City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing

the City Manager to Accept A Grant Award on Behalf of the Police Department, From the Federal DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$32,903 For Funds Related to Responding to the Corona Virus Pandemic Within the City, And That The Funds Be

Deposited And Appropriated into Grant Fund 254

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council of the City of Emeryville to adopt the above-entitled resolution approving the grant award funding from the Federal DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$32,903 for funds related to responding to the Coronavirus pandemic within the City of Emeryville.

BACKGROUND

The Federal government provided grant funding to local municipalities to aid in the response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The funding opportunity is meant to provide law enforcement with some assistance managing special operations and overtime; to maintain and implement police services in the City of Emeryville; to implement safe workplace guidelines and strategies; and to maintain a safe and healthy law enforcement workforce during the pandemic.

Beginning in March and concluding in May, Police Department patrol staffing went to an emergency schedule in response to the pandemic. Patrol staffing was slightly increased to respond to needs in the community and to maintain order, particularly in the retail districts where several stores experienced a high percentage increase in patrons.

The emergency schedule was projected to result in an increase of approximately 1,500+hours of overtime over a 60-day period. This grant funding opportunity is for the funding to cover a small portion of the patrol personnel overtime costs (307 hours), which translates to \$30,086. This service was essential to ensuring safety and compliance in Emeryville during the state-mandated shelter in place order. The remainder of the funding (\$2,817) is reserved for decontamination of police vehicles, the police building, and/or cleaning supplies.

The grant period is January 20, 2020 through January 31, 2022.

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DISCUSSION

EPD staff applied for this grant funding and was fortunate enough to be awarded the full finding amount allotted. The benefits of accepting this grant award will directly help in covering costs associated with the Police Department's response to the Coronavirus.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to the City will be negligible. Aside from the administrative management of the grant, there are no financial impacts to the Department or to the City. No "match" funds are required for the City with this grant.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

As of this time there has been no communication with the public related to this grant opportunity.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CONCLUSION

This program offers a great opportunity for the City of Emeryville to recoup costs associated with the Police Department's response to the Coronavirus pandemic. Staff recommends accepting the grant award.

PREPARED BY: Oliver Collins, Emeryville Police Department Captain

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:

Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Grant Application