

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

December 1, 2003

Subject

The proposed use of 2003 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds of \$113,212 by the Redwood City Police Department.

Recommendation

After completion of the public hearing, approve by motion, the Police Chief's recommendation to dedicate Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds to the salaries and benefits of the new police officer positions approved by City Council pursuant to the staffing study of 1997.

Background

For the eighth consecutive year, the Redwood City Police Department has received a State COPS grant. These funds may only be used for "front line" municipal police services, such as personnel, equipment, and programs necessary to meet police service needs within Redwood City. The money must be used to supplement existing services and may not be used to supplant any existing funding for law enforcement services. Additionally, the requests from the Chief of Police for expenditure of COPS funds must be considered separate and apart from the process applicable to proposed allocations of the City's general fund, i.e., separately from the general budgetary process. State law requires that the City Council hold a public hearing to consider written requests by the Police Chief for the expenditure of COPS funds.

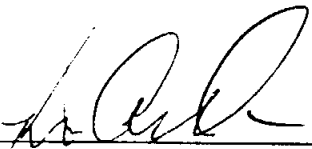
It is the Police Chief's recommendation that this year's entire award be dedicated to the salaries and benefits of the new police officer positions approved by City Council pursuant to the staffing study.

Alternatives

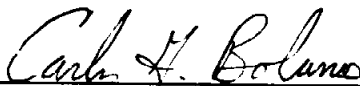
The grant funds may be used for any "front line" municipal police services.

Fiscal Impact

The COPS grant has no matching fund requirement. The grant will allow for the funding of new officer salaries and benefits that would otherwise be funded through general fund revenues.



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Police Chief



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**CITY OF REDWOOD CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
(COPS) FUNDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Redwood City will hold a public hearing on the expenditure of \$113,212 in state grant funds. These funds were awarded through the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program. The funds must be used for front line law enforcement services, including personnel, equipment, and programs necessary to meet police service needs within Redwood City. The City Council will consider and determine written requests submitted by the Police Chief for the expenditure of funds received.

It will be the recommendation of the Police Chief to dedicate this year's entire award to the salaries and benefits of new police officers.

You have the right to comment on the proposed expenditure at a public hearing to be held on the 8th day of December 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City California. Testimony must either be given in person at the time of the public hearing or received, in writing, by the police department prior to the date of the hearing. Testimony cannot be given over the phone.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Keith A. Harper by telephone at (650) 780-7173.