

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

October 11, 2004

Subject

The proposed use of 2004 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds by the Redwood City Police Department.

Recommendation

After completion of the public hearing, approve the Police Chief's recommendation to dedicate the funds to the procurement of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team equipment and Emergency Preparedness Training (EPT).

Background

The Omnibus Appropriations Act authorized the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make funds available to units of local government under the LLEBG program for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety. A public hearing must be held prior to the awarding of the grant. This is the ninth consecutive year the City of Redwood City will receive the grant. This year's award is \$19,147. Funds must be used for one or more of the following seven proposed areas:

- Law Enforcement Support: Hire, train additional officers, pay overtime to law enforcement officers, or procure equipment related to law enforcement functions.
- Enhance security measures in and around schools or other facilities location considered a special risk for incidents of crime
- Establish or support drug courts.
- Enhance the adjudication of cases involving violent offenders, including cases involving violent juvenile offenders.
- Establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force to work with federal law enforcement to prevent and control crime.
- Establish crime prevention programs to control, detect, or investigate crime or the prosecution of criminals.
- Defray the cost of indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers.

It is the Police Chief's recommendation that this year's award be dedicated to the procurement of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team equipment and Emergency Preparedness Training (EPT).

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Alternatives

1. Accept the Police Chief's recommendation that this year's LLEBG award be dedicated to the procurement of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team equipment and Emergency Preparedness Training (EPT).
2. Direct the Police Chief to identify another area to fund within the Bureau of Justice Assistance guidelines.
3. Return the funds to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Fiscal Impact


The LLEBG Grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$2,127. Interest derived from the award does not have to be matched, but cannot be used to match the federal award. A budget adjustment addressing the cash match requirement will be addressed in the mid-year budget.

Attachment

1. Notice of Public Hearing



Keith A. Harper
Administrative Sergeant



Carlos G. Bolanos
Police Chief



Ed Everett
City Manager

**CITY OF REDWOOD CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Redwood City will hold a public hearing on the expenditure of \$19,147 in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds for which the City will receive. The Omnibus Appropriations Act authorized the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make funds available to units of local government under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) program for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety. Funds must be used for one or more of the following seven proposed areas:

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It will be the recommendation of the Police Chief to dedicate the funds for the purchase of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) equipment and the funding of Emergency Preparedness Training (EPT).

You have the right to comment on the proposed expenditure at a public hearing to be held on the 11th day of October 2004, 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.