

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council From the City Manager

April 13, 2009

SUBJECT

2008 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds for the Redwood City Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a Public Hearing, and by resolution, authorize the expenditure of up to \$123,205 in Fiscal Year 2008–2009 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (COPS).

BACKGROUND

For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Redwood City Police Department has received a State COPS grant. The 2008 grant award is anticipated to be between \$100,000 and \$123,205. At present the California Department of Finance can only provide a range for the grant funds and the final amount will not be known until after May 19, 2009 when additional State budget issues are resolved. 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.

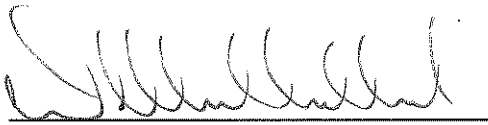
It is the Police Chief’s recommendation that half of this year’s award, up to \$61,602.50, be allocated to the salaries and benefits of police officer positions. The Police Chief recommends that the remaining funds, up to \$61,602.50, be dedicated to the acquisition of equipment and supplies needed by the police department.

ALTERNATIVES

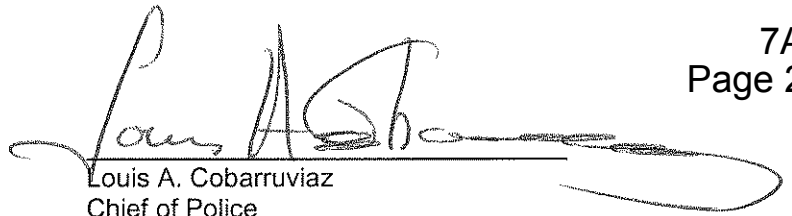
City Council may choose not to accept this grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

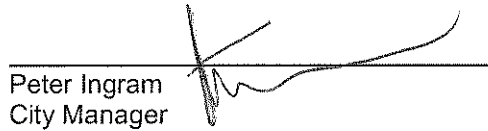
Approval of this resolution will have no fiscal impact. City staff anticipated receipt of the 2008 COPS grant award and the City Council appropriated sufficient funds in the FY2008-09 budget to expend this grant. The COPS grant has no requirement that the recipient agency provide matching funds. Disapproval of the resolution would result in a net loss to the General Fund of approximately \$100,000 to \$123,205.



Dan Mulholland
Administrative Sergeant



Louis A. Cobarruviaz
Chief of Police



Peter Ingram
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Copy of the City of Redwood City Notice of Public Hearing announcing the recommended use of the 2008 COPS grant award.

RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

None

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY
AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$123,205 IN
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS (COPS)**

WHEREAS, for the thirteenth consecutive year, the Redwood City Police Department has received a State COPS grant; and

WHEREAS, the money must be used to supplement existing services and may not be used to supplant any existing funding for law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the exact amount of grant award will be determined after May 19, 2009 due to issues with the State budget, but the anticipated amount of the grant is between \$100,000 and \$123,205; and

WHEREAS, it is the Police Chief's recommendation that half of the grant funds of up to \$61,602.50 of this year's award be allocated to the salaries and benefits of police officer positions approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief is also recommending that the remaining half of the grant funds of up to \$61,602.50 be dedicated to the acquisition of equipment and supplies needed by the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That expenditure of up to \$123,205.00 from State COPS grant funds is hereby authorized for the 2008-2009 supplemental law enforcement services funds.

2. That an amount of up to \$61,602.50 of this year's award be allocated to the salaries and benefits of police officer positions and that the remaining funds of up to \$61,602.50 will be dedicated to the acquisition of equipment and supplies.

**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 up to \$123,205 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 written requests submitted by the Police Chief for the expenditure of funds received.

It will be the recommendation of the Police Chief to dedicate half (up to \$61,602.50) of this year's award to the salaries and benefits of police officers and the remaining half (up to \$61,602.50) to the acquisition of equipment and supplies needed by the police department.

You are invited to comment on the proposed expenditure at a public hearing to be held on the **13th day of April, 2009**, beginning at **7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter**, 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 Dan Mulholland by telephone at (650) 780-7614.