

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Public Hearings

August 17, 2009
Item No: 8A

To: Mayor Troy Edgar and Members of the City Council
Via: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
From: Todd W. Mattern, Chief of Police
Subject: Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF)

Summary: The Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) provides for the allocation of State funds to eligible local jurisdictions to enhance public safety. The City of Los Alamitos' portion of these funds for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is anticipated to be \$100,000.

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a public hearing for the allocation of the SLESF; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-15, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND".

Background

In Fiscal Year 2000-2001, legislation was passed to enhance public safety by ensuring the continuation of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). This legislation also increased the allocation to at least \$100,000 per law enforcement agency with the intention to continue this level of funding for at least three years. Although the State's budget has not been finalized, it is anticipated that this funding will continue to be offered to local jurisdictions for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Legislation stipulates the SLESF be used exclusively for front line law enforcement. The intent of the legislation is to increase the number of police officers in the community; however, as defined in the legislation, front line uses may also include gang/youth diversionary programs as well as crime prevention programs. The funds may be used for personnel and/or equipment, but shall not be used to supplant any existing funding for law enforcement services already provided by the City. A SLESF Law Enforcement Oversight Committee reviews the expenditures within the County each year and, in compliance with program requirements, an "Expenditure Intent" plan was submitted by City staff to that committee for review in July.

Discussion

Eight years ago, the SLESF was used to establish a new motorcycle officer position, and pay for the acquisition and maintenance of a police canine. Although the police canine position was eliminated five years ago, the motorcycle officer continues to be an integral part of the traffic safety program in Los Alamitos. This year's funds will be designated for personnel costs, including overtime and benefits, for the "overfill" motorcycle officer.

Fiscal Impact

It is anticipated that the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund will provide \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for the Police Department's Traffic Safety Program, which is supported by this State funding allocation.

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Attachment: 1) *Resolution No. 2009-15*