



DATE: February 10, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: City Council

FROM: Tuck Younis, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: 2015 Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2015 Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services Funding (SLESF) allocation of \$100,000 to partially fund one full-time Police Officer position

SUMMARY:

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

Amount: \$100,000

Budgeted: Yes; public safety operating budget

Public Hearing Notice: Not applicable

Previous Council Consideration: Not applicable

CEQA Status: Not applicable

Attachments: None

BACKGROUND

In 1996, the California Legislature established the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding program which appropriates over \$100,000,000 each year to support local law enforcement. Pursuant to current State law, the State allocates the COPS funds to each county that has established a Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) and in accordance with the proportionate share of the State's total population that resides in each county and city. Santa Clara County has established a SLESF and, based on total population, the City of Los Altos is entitled to receive the minimum grant of \$100,000.

DISCUSSION

Over the past several years, the City of Los Altos has received the COPS Grant and utilized the \$100,000 to partially fund one Police Officer position (actual position cost with salary and benefits is approximately \$185,546). That position has been allocated to the Field Services Division to work in Patrol handling front-line law enforcement services. It is recommended that the 2015 SLESF continue to partially fund the salary of one Police Officer position and that position continue to be assigned to work Patrol. This position would not have been funded without the SLESF funding and there is no matching funds requirement.

Requirements for the funding include making a formal request for the funds and the item be part of a public meeting. In addition, the spending plan must include consideration of the following criteria:

- The funds are to supplement law enforcement services. Funds may not be used to supplant any services currently provided by non-COPS funds.
- Only front-line municipal police services are allowable.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2015 SLESF of \$100,000 is included in the operating budget.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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