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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2025-37: Accepting the Department of Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant Funds Fiscal Year 2024

ABSTRACT:

The Police Department requests City Council approval to accept funding from the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), passed through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and distributed by the County of Riverside. The funding, in the amount of \$2,701,242, was approved in the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budget. The City of Newport Beach allocation of this funding is \$171,580. The funding must be used by February 28, 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-37 *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Accepting the FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Administered by the County of Riverside, and Designating the Chief of Police as the City's Authorized Agent to Execute Grant Documents;*
- c) Accept the Department of Homeland Security FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden grant award in the amount of \$171,580 and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the grant agreement; and
- d) Approve Budget Amendment No. 25-078 to accept grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security, passed through CalOES; increase revenue estimates by \$171,580 in account 01035355-431453-G2620; and increase expenditure appropriations by \$171,580 to various accounts in the Detective Division as outlined in the amendment.

DISCUSSION:

Background

OPSG supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. OPSG provides funding to support joint efforts to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders. The main objective is to raise the level of U.S. border and California coastline security to reduce the threat of border-related crime by promoting collaboration amongst law enforcement agencies and increasing law enforcement presence.

As indicated in the OPSG Memorandum of Agreement, the California coastline is a border-crime target for maritime drug and human smuggling that often results in other criminal activities such as kidnappings, assaults, murders, money laundering, and cross-border weapons trafficking, and can involve a wider range of crimes.

Operation Stonegarden provides funding to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to enhance their capabilities to support joint efforts to secure the United States' borders. In its FY24 budget, the Department of Homeland security allocated \$2,701,242 in funding to the Operation Stonegarden program. The allocation was provided to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) to act as the grant administrator. The RCSD was responsible for overseeing an application process and selecting law enforcement agencies within the region to receive a grant award.

Participating agencies receiving the grant award are the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the Costa Mesa Police Department, the Hawthorne Police Department, the Huntington Beach Police Department, the La Habra Police Department, the Laguna Beach Police Department, the Seal Beach Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Newport Beach Police Department.

The amount granted to the City of Newport Beach for use by the Police Department is \$171,580 and it must be used by February 28, 2027. Of this amount, \$70,000 will be used to purchase two mobile cameras (allowing the Police Department to remotely monitor high-risk areas such as parking lots, trailhead access points, and other identified hotspots for criminal activity) and two handheld thermal imaging devices with forward looking infrared technology (assisting with nighttime surveillance and criminal activity detection). The remaining \$101,580 will be used for personnel overtime expenses. City Council approval is required for acceptance of the grant per Council Policy F-25 and to appropriate funds to the expenditure budget per Council Policy F-3.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Budget Amendment appropriates \$171,580 in additional revenue from the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program and \$171,580 in increased expenditure appropriations.

The revenue will be posted to the Detectives Federal Grants account (01035355-431453-G2620) and expenses will be posted to various expenditure accounts in the Detective Division as identified in the amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Budget Amendment No. 25-078
Attachment B - OPSG Memorandum of Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024
Attachment C - Resolution No. 2025-37