



**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
September 21, 2011**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Gary D. Peterson, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) Grant  
**DATE:** August 23, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct a public hearing to adopt a resolution regarding the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds, and authorize the Chief of Police to receive funding provided by this grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California State Legislature allocates state funds to local governments for the purpose of ensuring public safety through a program entitled Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS). The COPS Program allocates approximately \$100,000,000 to California local government agencies annually to be used for front line municipal police services.

The COPS Program was initiated through Assembly Bill 3229 in 1996 and was first funded in California's 1996-97 Budget. The Legislature's commitment for this program to continue into the future appears in the language of Government Code Section 30061(c)(1). While the 1996 legislature could not bind future legislatures, the current legislature has confidence that the program will continue, and they encourage agencies to use these funds to hire and maintain public safety personnel.

The Martinez Police Department has received a preliminary allocation in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for front line municipal police services for Fiscal Year 2011-12. The COPS program is an ongoing program, but requires a new budget appropriation each year.

Before the transfer of funds can occur the legislature requires the City to submit written proof that such a hearing occurred as well as a resolution establishing a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for deposit of the funds. The funds must be used for front line municipal police services and must supplement and not supplant existing funding.

The funds cannot be used for administrative overhead costs in excess of 0.5 percent of the allocation from SLESF; neither can the allocation be used to fund the cost of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support front line law enforcement services.

The legislation requires that each local government agency report expenditures of COPS funds to a Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee that is formed by the county. The oversight committee in Contra Costa County is comprised of the District Attorney, Sheriff, County Administrator, a representative from the Contra Costa County Police Chiefs' Association, and a representative from the County Public Managers' Association.

The committee is requesting that each agency conduct the appropriate public meeting to consider adopting a resolution with an expenditure plan in an amount up to the current allocation with the understanding that future reductions are likely.

The Police Department's proposed use of these funds in Fiscal Year 2011-12, again, focuses on the front line police officers. The Police Department's strategy is to utilize the monies to supplement funding of one police officer position to coordinate community outreach and neighborhood meetings.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the attached resolution accepting the fiscal year allocation from the COPS program, and allocating it to be used to supplement funding for one (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Police Officer Position.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This COPS grant funds of \$100,000 will pay ongoing personnel costs.

**ACTION:**

Motion to adopt resolution approving receipt of \$100,000 from the State of California's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds.

**APPROVED BY:**



City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. -11

APPROVING RECEIPT OF \$100,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S  
SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES GRANT FUND

**WHEREAS**, the Martinez Police Department is in a position to receive \$100,000 in grant funding from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, continued funding of a portion of a Police Officer position will allow for the coordination community outreach and neighborhood meetings without additional impact to the general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Martinez City Council to support the police department's community outreach efforts and neighborhood policing strategy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Martinez hereby authorizes and approves the receipt and expenditures in State grant funding.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez, at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of September, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF MARTINEZ

**MARTINEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS  
2011/2012**

PERSONNEL:

SLESF monies will be used by the City of Martinez to fund a Police Officer. Without SLESF funding, we would not be able to retain the police officer position for community outreach and neighborhood policing efforts.