

**REQUEST TO FORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE
THE USE OF LLEBG GRANT FUNDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Authorize the Police Department to form an advisory committee to develop recommendations for the use of LLEBG ((Local Law Enforcement Block Grants) monies to be received during this fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Justice provides block grant monies to police department across the country on an annual basis. For the fiscal year of 2003, an amount of \$11,450 was allocated to the Hermosa Beach Police Department. The Police Department has petitioned the Department of Justice to obtain this money and has received tentative approval. These monies can be used for a variety of law enforcement purposes as outlined in DOJ's guidelines.

ANALYSIS

One of the requirements of the program is the formation of an advisory committee to make nonbinding recommendations on the use(s) of the funds. The advisory board consists of a member of the police department, local prosecutor's office, local court system, local school system and a member of a local nonprofit, educational, religious, or community group. A judge from South Bay Court has already been contacted along with the City Prosecutor. The Police Department plans on asking a member of the Women's Club and the new school superintendent to also participate. The board will be asked to consider different ideas on how to use these funds. Once complete, the recommendations of the board will be submitted to the City Council at a future meeting for adoption. A public hearing must be held (another program requirement) to consider the different ideas proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Under the terms of this grant, the City is required to provide a matching amount of \$1,272.00. It is proposed that this amount will come from the Police Department's budget to be finalized at the next Council meeting when this matter is heard.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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