

Monday, November 01, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
November 9, 2004

**REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE
PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. Appropriate \$37,603 from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program to assist in the purchase of station/jail cameras, vehicle cameras and the associated data storage systems. (These funds are to augment an existing line item in the Police Department budget)
2. Appropriate \$30,627 from the California Law Enforcement Equipment Program Fund (CLEEP) for the purchase of new generation Unitrols (\$3400 – this is a control box for the lightbar) and mobile digital computer (MDC) rack mounts (\$3800) for the police patrol cars. The balance of the CLEEP funds (\$23,427) to augment the purchase of the station/jail camera system mentioned in item #1.
3. Appropriate \$268 from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program for the purchase of approximately three "pen hole" cameras.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Hermosa Beach and the Police Department has been the beneficiary of grant monies over the past few years from the State of California and the Federal Government. The COPS grant is a state grant that the City receives each year for the Police Department. The CLEEP grant was a state grant received a few years ago for the purchase of new technology equipment. The LLEBG grant was a one-time federal grant received during the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

ANALYSIS:

As the Police Department prepared the current fiscal year budget last spring, not all of these grant monies were earmarked in the current budget. As a result, these funds were not appropriated last June when the 2004/2005 fiscal year budget was adopted. It is requested that these monies now be appropriated for the purchase of the various items of police equipment as illustrated above. The State of California and the Federal Government has established deadlines as to when these grant monies are to be expended. The purpose of this request to appropriate these funds is to make sure that all of these grant monies are appropriated to be spent this fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All of these grant monies were received by the City of Hermosa Beach for the purpose of acquiring police equipment. They are not apart of the general fund.

Respectfully submitted:

Concur:

Fiscal Impact:

Michael Lavin
Chief of Police

Stephen Burrell
City Manager

Viki Copeland
Finance Director