



DATE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: November 18, 2008

TO: GARY KEEFE, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT

Recommendation: that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Lompoc Police Department to accept a grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the amount of \$146,000 to fund the Lompoc Police Department's *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN REDUCTION PROGRAM*, and;
2. Authorize the appropriation of \$48,667.00 as the matching fund requirement and residual salary and benefits costs from unappropriated General Fund Reserves; and;
3. Authorize the City Administrator to sign any appropriate documents to complete the Grant Award Forms Package, including any extensions or amendments thereof, as required by the Office of Emergency Services.

Background:

In 1997, the Lompoc Police Department launched a concerted effort to address domestic violence and crimes against women through the D.V.-O.A.S.I.S. (Domestic Violence - Officers and Advocates Sharing Intervention Services) program. Although this program ran for only one year, the Department realized a significant increase in domestic violence arrests, enhanced victim advocacy and reduced recidivism. In 1998 the Lompoc Police Department applied for and received a grant from the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning to establish the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program. This grant provided specialized evidence gathering equipment, digital cameras, computers, a vehicle and funding for a full-time detective dedicated to domestic violence and crimes against women.

In 2004, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning was eliminated and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services assumed state level control of the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) distribution. This grant has been funded every year between July 1, 1998 and December 31, 2008.

Over the past ten years, the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program has provided training to police officers, enhanced criminal investigations involving domestic violence and/or crimes against women, facilitated the arrest of 2,214 violent offenders, and made 8,093 victim/survivor referrals to various advocacy programs. During the past six years the Department has had the benefit of contracting with the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center to provide in-house advocates for immediate intervention and follow-up to domestic violence incidents and crimes against women. These advocates have served as a valuable resource for officers as well as victims and their family members.

The results of the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program over the past are illustrated in the table below:

	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-2006*	2007*	Total
Number of Investigations	462	352	376	493	748	442	2,873
Violent Offenders Arrested	149	144	207	240	262	305	1,307
Victims Assisted by Advocates	533	491	453	382	466	360	2,685
Hours of Officer Training	490	383	352	320	128	160	1,833

* Grant reporting format change in 2006

TOTAL DEPARTMENT-WIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS				
Year	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	% of adult arrests for year
1997		247	247	N/A
1998	71	108	179	8.9%
1999	90	77	167	8.1%
2000	65	89	154	8.1%
2001	63	63	126	6.6%
2002	63	77	140	6.7%
2003	93	62	155	8.1%
2004	88	86	174	7.2%
2005	79	75	154	7.1%
2006	64	80	144	4.9%
2007	40	72	112	6.5%

The grant requires the continuation of the use of in-house victim advocate provided under an inter-agency agreement between the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center and the City of Lompoc, as well as dedicating a full-time detective to the investigation of domestic violence and crimes against women. The grant requires additional training for officers within the Department as well as the continuation of an enhanced public awareness program. The victim advocates and the Crimes Against Women Detective have coordinated training of property managers/owners, substance abuse counselors, local homeless shelter staff, as well as medical providers on domestic violence recognition and crimes against women.

Two special editions of *Lompoc Police Beat* would be dedicated to domestic violence. Over past years the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Project has provided a Spanish language version of *Lompoc Police Beat* that was aired on a monthly basis.

Discussion:

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Victims Services Division has authorized a Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program grant request for the City of Lompoc for a three year period, calendar years 2009-2011. The City of Lompoc is one of the selected jurisdictions to receive this VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) funding. The 2009-2011 funding level designated by the Office of Emergency Services is \$146,000. The City is required to provide a match of 25% or \$48,667 to fund the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program.

The Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women specialized unit consists of a full-time investigator (Crimes Against Women Detective) and 1,820 hours (35 hours per week) of a certified Domestic Violence Advocate. The costs associated with these positions follow:

<u>1 FTE Crimes Against Women Detective</u>	
Salary at “G” Step	\$ 72,954
Benefits& Insurance	\$ 37,770
TOTAL	\$110,724
<u>Domestic Violence Victim Advocate</u>	
Salary, Benefits & Administration	\$ 40,000
200 hours overtime	\$ 4,500
Mileage allowance for after hours	\$ 293
<u>Personal Defense Training sessions</u>	\$ 3,713
<u>Training Salaries for Staff and Officers</u>	\$ 15,141
<u>10 % Supervisor Salary and Benefits</u>	\$ 13,712
<u>250 Personal Emergency Sirens</u>	\$ 2,950
<u>Prevention Materials</u>	\$ 1,200
<u>Domestic Violence Training Conference for 2</u>	\$ 2,433
Sub-Total for 2009 Calendar Year	\$194,667
Office of Emergency Services Funding	< \$146,000 >
Total Cost of the Program to the City of Lompoc PD (Includes the 25% match requirement)	\$ 48,667

The Finance Department is aware of this grant application and has planned ahead for these expenditures based upon previous grant awards.

This grant is scheduled to end on December 31, 2011. Continuation funding each year through the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is contingent upon successful completion of all conditions of the Grant.

The Lompoc Police Department is proactively addressing family violence issues and the community has benefited from the additional resources provided under previous grants. The renewal of the Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program and continued partnership with the North county Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center have enhanced the prevention of domestic violence, crimes against women, and family violence to a new level.

Grant funding for the existing Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program will end on December 31, 2008. This new Grant will provide our community with continued quality service to victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Child Abuse through December 31, 2011.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Lompoc Police Department to accept the grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the amount of \$146,000 to fund the Lompoc Police Department's *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN REDUCTION PROGRAM*; authorize the Finance Department to allocate \$48,667 as the matching fund requirement and residual salary and benefit costs from unappropriated General Fund Reserves as specified in the budget narrative of the Grant; and authorize the City Administrator to sign any appropriate documents to complete the Grant Award Forms Package, including any extensions or amendments thereof, as required by the Office of Emergency Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:

GARY KEEFE
City Administrator