

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



DATE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: September 20, 2005

TO: GARY KEEFE, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND - AB 3229

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

Hold a public hearing to establish and approve requests for funding from the *Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund - "AB 3229"* for fiscal year 2005-2006 pursuant to Government Code 30061.

BACKGROUND

The State Legislature approved appropriations from the State's general fund again in 2005 for funding to local law enforcement agencies. The Governor has elected to allocate the money annually as opposed to making a blanket allocation over three years. The monies appropriated under this program, also known as California's **C.O.P.S. (Citizens' Option for Public Safety)** program, will provide \$100,000 to the City of Lompoc for front line municipal police services during FY 2005-2006 so long as the monies from the 2005-2006 allocation are expended by June 30, 2007. According to the text of Assembly Bill 1913 that amends prior **C.O.P.S.** legislation:

In the case of a city, the city council shall appropriate existing and anticipated monies exclusively to fund front line municipal police services, in accordance with written requests submitted by the chief of police of that city or the chief administrator of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for that city....

As has been the case for the past six years, the funds must supplement, not supplant existing appropriations, and they must be placed in a **Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund** account.

FUNDING REQUEST

The Police Department recommends that the 2005-2006 allocation (\$100,000) be designated to continue to support one Police Officer position and one full time Dispatcher-Jailer position. Costs of the employees designated under this program, including anticipated salary and benefits, for the respective positions for FY 2005-2006 are:

B-Step Police Officer:	\$ 71,025
F-Step Dispatcher/Jailer:	<u>\$ 65,440</u>
Total:	\$136,465
Allocation:	<u>\$100,000</u>
Deficit	<\$ 36,465>

The City Finance Department has designated General Fund monies in the 2005-2006 budget process to make up the difference between this year's allocation and the actual cost of these positions.

When allocations are made in following years, the Department will renew its request and recommendation to the City Council that the funding continue to support these two positions. There is no requirement to allocate matching funds in order to receive this money.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

GARY KEEFE
City Administrator