



CITY OF LONG BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

March 11, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive and expend grant funding from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program grant and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR) and in the Police Department (PD) by \$14,915. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach Police Department was recently awarded \$14,915 grant funding from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program grant.

The grant monies will be used to provide training to improve the skill level and efficiency of techniques used by the forensic staff, allowing them to improve the quality of services. Since training improves skill level and efficiency, employees are capable of working faster and with fewer errors, improving the timeliness of service. Equipment will be purchased to replace outdated and aged equipment allowing for more versatile testing.

The grant term is January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson on February 6, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 3, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on March 11, 2008, to expedite use of the grant funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund, and no City match is required.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY W. BATTS
CHIEF OF POLICE

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APPROVED:



for PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER