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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

October 7, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the current and all future annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification between the Federal Government and the City of Long Beach to share funds obtained through federal drug seizures and asset forfeitures (Citywide).

DISCUSSION

The Federal Equitable Sharing Program (FESP) strips drug dealers of illegally obtained money and property, which in turn, is shared among participating local law enforcement agencies. The revenue augments the existing police budget whereby additional drug seizures and asset forfeitures can be accomplished.

The Long Beach Police Department has participated in the FESP for over 18 years, which has resulted in the City receiving thousands of dollars from the United State Treasury and Department of Justice. Most recently, the Police Department used asset seizure funds generated from this program to purchase two new helicopters. In the past, the Federal government has required a new agreement every three years. Starting this year, the Federal government has combined the agreement and yearly reports into one document. In order to continue participation in this program, the Federal government requires an annual agreement and certification to be approved by the City.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson on September 19, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on September 16, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on October 7, 2008, to ensure uninterrupted distribution of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds to the Police Department.

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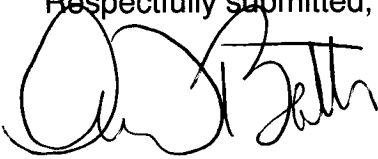
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for participation in this program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER