



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ANTHONY W. BATTS
Chief of Police

August 2, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute tri-annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements 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 resources to support additional drug seizures and asset forfeiture activities.

The Long Beach Police Department has participated in the FESP for over fifteen years, which has resulted in the City receiving thousands of dollars from the United States Treasury and Department of Justice. Most recently, the Police Department used asset seizure funds generated from this program to purchase two new helicopters. However, in order to continue participation in this program, the federal government requires a tri-annual agreement to be approved by the City.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on July 11, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 16, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on August 2, 2005, to ensure uninterrupted distribution of federal asset forfeiture funds to the Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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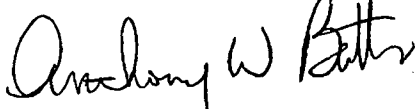
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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement 05-08

APPROVED:

for 
GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER