AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.b.

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From:

Kevin J. Raney

Dept.:

City Manager

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Police

Subject:

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL

Date:

November 11, 2014

ASSISTANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF STATE AND

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

OBJECTIVE

To gain City Council approval to accept Local Assistance Law Enforcement Funds from the California Board of State and Community Corrections so that the City can receive approximately \$243,183 in state funds, and allocate these funds to front-line law enforcement services.

BACKGROUND

Legislation associated with the California 2011 Budget Act established the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) as an independent entity, effective July 1, 2012. The BSCC assumed the previous functions of the Corrections Standards Authority, as well as other public safety programs previously administered by the California Emergency Management Agency.

Due to the steady erosion of funding for city police agencies over the past several years, local communities have experienced significant public safety impacts. To help mitigate these reductions, funds were appropriated to create a new grant program. This funding recognizes the need for city law enforcement to be able to provide front-line services based upon their own regional needs.

DISCUSSION

As part of the 2012 Budget Act, funding for Local Assistance was appropriated for city police departments, with the allocation formula to be developed by the BSCC in consultation with the Department of Finance. The California Police Chiefs Association, on behalf of local law enforcement agencies, presented to the BSCC an allocation formula based upon regional needs in each county.

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The BSCC recognized the importance of local agencies being able to best identify their own needs with regards to the use of resources, and approved the formula. For fiscal year 2014-15, the Budget Act has appropriated approximately \$40 million for city police departments. Orange County agencies were allocated a total of approximately \$2.97 million, and Garden Grove's allocation is \$243,183.28.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Using BSCC money, in the amount of \$243,183.28, to help fund the Police Department's front-line services creates no burden on the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the acceptance of Local Assistance Law Enforcement Funds from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in the amount of \$243,183.28; and
- Authorize the allocation of these funds to the Police Department for front-line law enforcement services.

KEVIN J. RANEY Chief of Police

By: Courtney Allison

Police Fiscal Analyst

Recommended for Approval

Matthew J. Fertal

City Manager