

**REPORT TO THE
CITY COUNCIL**
City of Salinas, California

DATE: June 14, 2016

FROM: Kelly J. McMillin, Chief of Police

BY: Henry Gomez, Commander

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AWARD NUMBER US15 02 7902

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution that authorizes the acceptance of the grant award from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$222,726 to fund a blend of three evidence-based strains of the Boston Ceasefire to reduce violence within the city of Salinas for the time period of April 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

In 2013, the City of Salinas was the sole sub-grantee of \$450,000 from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) to fund a violence interrupter program and increase community engagement to augment the anti-violence efforts.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), in coordination with the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of California, (USAO), has been awarded \$445,452 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods, or PSN) to further support efforts in reducing violence. As a sub-grantee, the City of Salinas will receive \$222,726 in grant funds to implement an innovative blend of three evidence-based strains of the Boston Ceasefire approach with current violence reduction strategies. The program period for this grant is from April 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The grant will require matching funds from the City in the amount of \$272,686.

In 2009, the City of Salinas Police Department, in partnership with the USAO began addressing the problem of record homicides using suppression, intervention, prevention, and community mobilization efforts. As part of the action taken, the City of Salinas Police Department received funding from Cal OES to begin implementation of Boston's Ceasefire strategy. The City of Salinas, in its effort to address violence through innovative collaborations and comprehensive efforts as partnered with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to implement the core elements of the Boston Ceasefire strategy and the PSN program. Led by the USAO, the City of Salinas and the Salinas Police Department have worked closely with federal and state law enforcement agencies and other partners to address local violence and to support the components of Ceasefire.

The primary goal of this grant is to achieve significant reductions in fatal and non-fatal shootings by blending three evidence-based strains of the Boston Ceasefire. The City will use, as the core, the Group Violence Reduction Strategy, systematically integrate police legitimacy, community-police trust building and procedural justice into the core and, incorporate an innovative and outreach service component. Implementation will consist of five operational components. The funding will allow the City to identify those at very high risk, engage those individuals, and lay the groundwork for a long term support of the individuals. In addition, grant funds will allow the City to conduct intelligence-driven, multi-agency enforcement on priority groups and or individuals and to incorporate procedural justice to build community trust and reduce violence. To achieve these component, the grant will fund a partnership with California Partnership for Safe Communities (CPSC) who will provide strategic planning and research integration to identify those at very high risk through data collection and analysis with a particular focus on social networks. With a strong focus on training, the City, along with CPSC will incorporate the principles of procedural justice into the operational components of this initiative.

CPSC will support the City by providing in-depth technical analysis and analytic support, followed by regular, frequent meetings devoted to real-time analysis of shootings and strategy development. Patterns of violence and the geographic and social concentration of violence within groups and networks will be identified. Shooting reviews are regular and frequent meetings, during which a working group of experienced and knowledgeable practitioners will review recent shootings and share information. One of the most important products of shooting reviews is the identification of individuals at highest risk of violence and the development of a plan for addressing that risk.

Staff brought the PSN grant to the Police Community Advisory Committee at their May 25, 2016 meeting, which was generally discussed and supported by the committee.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council adopt the attached resolution that authorizes the acceptance of the grant award from Cal OES in the amount of \$222,726 to fund a blend of three evidence-based strains of the Boston Ceasefire to reduce violence within the city of Salinas for the time period of April 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017?

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be a direct positive fiscal impact to the City of Salinas. The Salinas Police Department will receive \$222,726 to support the research, data collection, analysis, enforcement and training in its effort to reduce fatal and non-fatal shootings. The Salinas Police Department will provide the required match of \$272,686 with salary costs of the designated grant manager and/or other personnel designated in the budget.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

The attached resolution should be adopted on June 14, 2016 to prohibit any delay in reimbursements upon receipt of final grant award agreement.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

The attached resolution approving the acceptance of Grand Award Agreement Number US15 02 7902 to fund the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program efforts is consistent with the City Council's goal to create a safe and livable community and to further community/City initiatives to address gang and gun violence prevention.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may elect not to approve the proposed attached resolution; however, doing so could impact the violence reduction efforts.

CONCLUSION:

The City continues to serve as a leader in local peace and youth violence intervention and prevention efforts. The funding supporting the Ceasefire program, providing resources and training for the department and a research partner consistent with and in furtherance of the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Salinas Comprehensive Strategy for Community-wide Violence Reduction that was adopted by this City Council on March 29, 2011. It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AWARD NUMBER US15 02 7902

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas continues to seek avenues to address the sever level of gang and gun related violence;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded a grant to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$445,452, of which the City of Salinas and City of Oakland were the only two sub-grantees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas, as a sub-grantee, is awarded \$222,726 to fund development and implementation efforts the Boston Ceasefire approach and further procedural justice training, which will augment current anti-violence efforts for the time period of April 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas will be required to provide a match of \$272,686, to be met by way of Department staff salary and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas Police Department will receive \$83,939 in grant funds, and

WHEREAS, the research partner, California Partnership for Safe Communities (CPSC) will receive \$138,787 in grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Salinas City Council authorizes the acceptance of funding from Cal OES in the amount of \$222,726 in support of the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

PASSED AND ADOPTED: the 14th day of June, 2016, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk