



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE:** June 3, 2014

**ITEM TITLE:** AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO TRILOGY AT LA QUINTA COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION FOR A NEW CITIZENS ON PATROL VEHICLE

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 14

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services organization for a new Citizens on Patrol vehicle.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services is a social welfare organization formed to support projects through a grant program that benefits both Trilogy residents and the greater community.
- The Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteer program serves to enhance the public's safety and reduce crime throughout the City.
- In the last year, the number of volunteers for the COP program has increased by 100 percent and police are anticipating continued growth.
- In preparation for expansion of the program, as well as to increase COP patrol, a second vehicle is needed.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Should the City be awarded the grant, it would cover the one-time cost of \$48,400 to acquire and retrofit the vehicle. The annual operating cost to fuel and maintain the vehicle is approximately \$3,000 annually and would be covered in the Police Department Budget.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The La Quinta Police Department is identifying grant opportunities, like the Trilogy Community Services Grant, to enhance police services while looking for ways to offset their associated costs.

Utilizing the existing Dodge Durango, COP volunteers conduct patrols of the City to deter crime and report suspicious activities to on-duty police officers. These reports allow for rapid response by officers. The addition of a second high visibility patrol vehicle will allow more COP patrols by volunteers. In addition to patrols, COP volunteers staff the police sub-station, assist during driving-under-the-influence checkpoints, and participate in special events like the annual bicycle rodeo.

In order to acquire and retrofit a new vehicle, it will cost approximately \$48,400. The breakdown is as follows:

Description	Cost
<b>2014 Ford Explorer, 2WD, Automatic, White</b>	\$30,165
<b>Warning Lighting, Amber, Parts &amp; Labor</b>	\$4,835
<b>Motorola Vehicle Radio System, Parts &amp; Labor</b>	\$12,000
<b>Striping, paint, and application of police/COP logos</b>	\$1,400
<b>Projected Cost:</b>	<b>\$48,400</b>

The Police Department identified this funding request with the assistance of current COP volunteers. Grant funds must be utilized for the specific purpose of the application. A copy of the application will be provided to the Council upon completion.

**ALTERNATIVE**

As this grant opportunity provides the City with the ability to defray General Fund costs for police services and procure new equipment, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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