



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: September 16, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND, TRILOGY AT LA QUINTA COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION, AND EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2014; ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY CITY FUNDS; AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 7

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept grant funds in the amount of \$38,026 from California's Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, \$48,400 from Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services Organization, and \$12,978 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justices Assistance Grant 2014, establish the necessary City funds in order to accept these grants, and appropriate said funds to the La Quinta Police Department for their use as defined in the grant applications.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- On March 18, 2014, Council authorized the City Manager to submit two grant applications to the Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for traffic-related law enforcement services specific to the Augustine Casino area.
- In June 2014, the City received notice that one of the two grants was approved for \$38,026.
- On June 3, 2014, Council authorized the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services organization for a new "Citizens on Patrol" vehicle and submittal of a grant to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for traffic safety devices and computer system upgrades.
- Late June 2014, the City received notice that the grant was approved for \$48,400 from Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services organization.
- In August 2014, the City received noticed that it was awarded \$12,978 through JAG.

- Once the grant money is accepted by Council action, budget adjustments must be made prior to the appropriation of funds to the La Quinta Police Department (LQPD) so the funds can be utilized for their intended purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A total of \$99,404 in grant funds have been awarded directly to the City, and will be placed in separate funds to track the expenditures as required by their respectful grant guidelines.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

LQPD determined there are direct impacts to the City associated with people traveling to and from the Augustine Casino. Two grant requests were made to the California's Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund; one to fund 50 percent of one existing motor officer (\$125,000), and the other to fund increased patrol hours (\$40,000). One request was approved for \$38,026. These funds will be allocated to traffic enforcement activities on the major corridors to/from the Casino (Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe Streets) including increasing the enforcement hours, DUI enforcement, and Casino special event traffic enforcement.

LQPD also requested funding for a "Citizens on Patrol" vehicle. A grant request was submitted to the Trilogy at La Quinta Community Services Organization. They awarded a \$48,400 grant that will be used to acquire and retrofit a vehicle. The City will procure the vehicle through the County of Riverside's process as they are the conduit to purchase police-related vehicles for LQPD.

Lastly, LQPD identified equipment to support police operations including traffic safety devices to assist in response to resident complaints on speeding. Computer upgrades will be utilized by the Special Enforcement Team and Business District Officers and cell phone upgrades will be made to convert police officers' devices from analog to iPhones.

ALTERNATIVES:

As the grant funds will defray general fund expenditures for needed additional police services and a patrol vehicle, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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