



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Investigative Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of Asset Forfeiture Funds For The Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist Position And "Kids Fight Drugs" Calendar

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute a three year agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to fund the Early Identification Specialist position;
- B. Appropriate \$141,000 for Fiscal Years 2014 – 2016 budgets in the Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund from available asset forfeiture reserves for continued funding for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist position; and
- C. Appropriate \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2016 budgets in the Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund from available asset forfeiture reserves to pay the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the City of Santa Barbara's share of the cost for the "Kids Fight Drugs" calendar.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1993, the City has provided support for CADA's early identification diversion program, a partnership with the Santa Barbara Municipal Court and the Sobering Center. The Police Department is proposing to enter into another three-year agreement with CADA to contribute annual funding of \$47,000 for Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist position. The position provides intervention and case management for individuals who have had more than five admissions to the Sobering Center within 12 months and who are identified as chronic habitual offenders. The specialist meets with habitual offenders following release from jail or the Sobering Center and encourages them to seek treatment.

The "Kids Fight Drugs" calendar program is an annual program sponsored by CADA as an educational measure to help curb drug abuse. The Santa Barbara Police Department, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office agreed to

continue sharing the cost of producing the anti-drug calendars. The Police Department's annual share is \$5,000.

The Asset Forfeiture Account is comprised of forfeited funds that are obtained through law enforcement investigations and arrests from convicted drug dealers. According to the California Attorney General's Annual Report on Asset Forfeiture, "The goal of asset forfeiture is to remove the profits from those that benefit from illegal drug trade." Forfeiture proceeds are restricted by the Health and Safety Code for funding education and drug abuse programs and purchasing equipment that otherwise could not be afforded by the department.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are funds available in the Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund to pay for these activities and these activities meet the restricted use policy. The appropriation of \$156,000 in Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016 will provide funding for the Early Identification Specialist and annual calendar from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2016.

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