



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 21, 2016

**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 to execute a three year agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) to fund the Early Identification Specialist position;
- B. Increase appropriations by \$147,000 for Fiscal Year 2017 in the Police Department Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund from available asset forfeiture reserves for continued funding for CADA's Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist position through Fiscal Year 2019; and
- C. Increase appropriations by \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2017 in the Police Department Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund from available asset forfeiture reserves to pay CADA for the City of Santa Barbara's share of the cost for administering the "Kids Fight Drugs" calendar through Fiscal Year 2019.

**DISCUSSION:**

This three year agreement with CADA helps support this agency's early identification drug abuse diversion program. The position of an early Identification Specialist provides intervention and case management assistance for individuals who have had more than five admissions to the Sobering Center within a 12 month period and who are identified as chronic habitual offenders. The specialist meets with habitual offenders following release from jail or the Sobering Center to assist in seeking treatment. The Police Department has provided funding for this important program since 1993.

Additionally, the Department has annually sponsored the "Kids Fight Drugs" calendar program, along with the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department. This calendar displays the winning artwork of students in kindergarten through eighth grade who submitted posters expressing their commitment to being drug free.

The Police Department Asset Forfeiture account is comprised of forfeited funds that are obtained through law enforcement investigations and arrests from convicted drug dealers. 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 reserve funds available in the Police Asset Forfeiture Fund to pay for these activities. The appropriation of \$162,000 in Fiscal Year 2017 will provide funding for the Early Identification Specialist and annual calendar sponsorship from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office