



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 6, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With Santa Barbara Community College District For Student Neighborhood Assistance Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Approve a grant agreement with the Santa Barbara Community College District for one-half of the initial start-up costs needed to implement the Police Department's Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP); and
- B. Increase the estimated revenues and appropriations in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund by \$103,308.53 in Fiscal Year 2017 for the implementation of SNAP.

DISCUSSION:

In 2014, Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) formed the SBCC Neighborhood Task Force to address public safety and quality of life issues around the vicinity of the college. One of the significant issues identified by the Task Force was the problem of noise disturbances.

In February 2015, the Task Force recommended that the City amend its Noise Ordinance and create a Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) to assist in the administration of the City's Noise Ordinance enforcement. In April 2016, the City amended its Noise Ordinance, codified in Chapter 9.16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, which established new regulations of noise levels and enforcement measures that escalate from warnings to administrative fines that incrementally increase for repeat violations.

The City approved of the creation of the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program, a unit within the Police Department, which is comprised of college-student non-sworn hourly employees tasked with being the Police Department's first response to first time noise disturbance calls. SNAP employees will give warnings to violators of the City's Noise Ordinance and document their response should future violations occur at the same location.

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The start-up costs for the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program is estimated to be \$206,617.06. The Santa Barbara Community College District has agreed to provide the Santa Barbara Police Department with funds equaling one-half of the start-up costs for the program, \$103,308.53, to be made in four equal payments over the course of the following year.

A copy of the agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office.

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SUBMITTED BY: Lori Luhnnow, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office