



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 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 increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$52,000 in the Fiscal Year 2013 Police Department Police Asset Forfeiture and Grants Fund for continued funding for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) Criminal Justice Early Identification Specialist position (\$47,000) and the City of Santa Barbara's share of the cost for the "Kids Fight Drugs" calendar (\$5,000).

DISCUSSION:

Since 1993, the City has provided financial support for CADA's early identification diversion program, a partnership with the Santa Barbara Municipal Court and the Sobering Center. The City has a three-year agreement with CADA to contribute annual funding of \$47,000 for the 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 a 12 month period and who are identified as chronic habitual offenders. The specialist meets with habitual offenders following their 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 have agreed to continue sharing the cost of producing the anti-drug calendars. The Police Department's share is \$5,000.

The Asset Forfeiture Account is comprised of forfeited funds that are obtained through law enforcement investigations and arrests of 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 to the funding of education and drug abuse programs and the purchase of 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 aforementioned activities and these activities meet the restricted use policy. The appropriation of \$47,000 will provide funding from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013, the third year in the three-year agreement.

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