



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Striplen

DATE: November 12, 2019

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT - FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Rebecca Widdison

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council:

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Citizens' Option for Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$330,543 from the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller; approve the request from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Valley Station, to continue funding the Career Offenders Burglary, Robbery, and Assault (COBRA) Team.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any contracts, agreements, or change orders arising out of this program, subject to City Attorney approval.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill 1913 (Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act), signed into law in 2000, provides funding to cities and counties for frontline law enforcement officers and juvenile justice initiatives. This provided financing for the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program.

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has been eligible to receive grant funding from this program every year. The funds awarded are based on population, with each entity receiving a minimum grant of \$100,000. The City's allocation for Fiscal Year 2019-20 is \$330,543.

According to grant requirements, the City Council shall appropriate the funds in accordance with a written request submitted by the Chief Administrator of the local law enforcement agency. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Valley Station, has proposed continued partial funding of COBRA Team staff to enhance the Sheriff's efforts to curb youth crime in Santa Clarita.

Current funding will also assist the COBRA Team in its efforts to apprehend graffiti vandals and

operate the City of Santa Clarita Community Court Diversion program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Decline the Fiscal Year 2019-20 COPS Grant funding.
2. Determine alternate use for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 COPS Grant funding.
3. Other action as determined by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The anticipated cost of this program is estimated to be \$457,407 to be offset completely by grant funds.