



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION Accepting the Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program (COPS) Grant to Fund Two (2.0) School Resource Officers (SROs) and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the COPS Office Accepting \$250,000 of the Grant Award and Agreeing to Fund the Balance of the Cost of the SROs Not Covered by the Grant

WHEREAS, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program of the United States Department of Justice awards grants to local law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, COPS grants typically cover a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position during a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, during discussions between the City and the San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD), SLUSD agreed to fund the additional cost of four SRO positions not covered by a COPS grant if that grant were ultimately awarded; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, the San Leandro Police Department submitted an application for a COPS grant for \$500,000 to hire four SROs, and on September 24, 2014, the COPS Office notified the City of San Leandro that it was one of 28 cities in California to receive a grant award; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the grant award announcement, SLUSD notified the City of San Leandro that due to unforeseen budget constraints, it no longer would be able to provide the previously committed matching funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to offset this loss of funding, the City Council is committed to hiring two (2.0 FTE) School Resource Officer positions and sufficiently funding the additional costs of these two positions that are not covered by the commensurately reduced \$250,000 COPS grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does RESOLVE as follows:

1. That the three-year grant award totaling \$250,000 from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program to fund two School Resource Officers is hereby accepted; and
2. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into and execute, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, any or all agreements necessary for a term of four years to cover the additional costs of the two SRO positions not covered by the grant funds awarded.