



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 11, 2013
Item Number: F-7
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
REAUTHORIZING A CIVILIAN RANGEMASTER POSITION AND
THE PURCHASE OF POLICE SUPPLIES TO BE FUNDED BY THE
CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION**
Attachments: 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Allocation to continue the funding of one Civilian Rangemaster position and the purchase of police supplies. Additionally, staff recommends the appropriation of funds for the purchase of the supplies as follows:

FROM	TO
\$22,500 State COPS Grant Fund 19-1902105E407	\$22,500 1902105E407 – 72200 Fire and Other Safety Materials and Supplies

INTRODUCTION

In order for the City to accept this State grant funding, a resolution must be adopted to authorize use of the COPS Allocation to continue the funding of a Civilian Rangemaster position and to purchase police supplies.

DISCUSSION

As part of the 1996-1997 State budget package, the COPS Allocation was enacted, providing per capita rate funding for frontline police services. During the first four years of the program, the City's share of COPS Allocation funding was approximately \$77,000 annually. Since FY 2000-2001, the State budget package has authorized \$100,000 per year in COPS Allocation funding for Beverly Hills.

At a public hearing on January 22, 1997, the City Council approved the COPS Allocation to fund salary and benefit costs for a full-time Civilian Rangemaster position. Previously, Rangemaster duties were shared by ten full-time sworn personnel (either police officers or sergeants) in addition to their principal assignments. The establishment of a Civilian Rangemaster position enabled these sworn personnel to return full-time to their regular police duties, which fulfilled the requirement to fund frontline police services.

When the Civilian Rangemaster position is vacant, a surplus of COPS Allocation funds results. In 2002, surplus COPS Allocation funds were combined with another State grant to purchase a bi-directional amplifier and other communications equipment for the police building. In 2004-2005, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase the share of a Harris constellation microwave link to enhance public safety communications outside the Beverly Hills city limits. In 2006, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase noise suppressors and night vision rifle optics for the department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team. In 2008, surplus COPS Allocation funds were used to purchase ammunition and supplies for the department's range, upgrade the purchase of a rescue phone for the Crisis Negotiation Team, purchase breaching explosives for the department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team, and one year's service of a mass notification system. In 2011, surplus funds were used for the purchase of training motorcycles, a negotiation recording and control system, ammunition for the Emergency Services Bureau and safety supplies and equipment for the Traffic Bureau. On June 30, 2012, surplus COPS Allocation funds totaled \$109,181.08.

The resolution before the City Council renews the use of COPS Allocation funds for the Rangemaster position for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 and authorizes the use of \$22,500.00 to purchase ammunition for firearms training.

FISCAL IMPACT

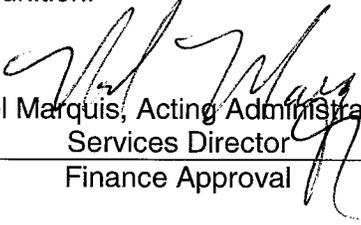
Although the COPS Allocation represents an on-going program, continued funding will require a new State appropriation each fiscal year. If State funding is eliminated or reduced in the future, the City will expend any remaining funds from the COPS Allocation account and decide whether other potential grant opportunities or the General Fund will fund the Civilian Rangemaster position.

On March 13, 2013, the City was notified by the County of Los Angeles that it's FY12/13 COPS Allocation will remain at \$100,000. Additionally, while larger agencies have the potential of getting their allocations reduced if the County receives less revenue from the State, the City's allocation of \$100,000 is the minimum for the program and is not

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expected to be reduced. As of March 27, 2013, the City has received \$76,878 of the \$100,000 allocation and expects to receive the remaining \$23,122 prior to the end of this fiscal year.

Due to the surplus that accumulated in this fund while the position was vacant in prior fiscal years, a portion of the remaining allocation, \$22,500, will be used for purchasing ammunition.


Noel Marquis, Acting Administrative
Services Director

Finance Approval


David L. Snowden, Chief of Police

Police Approval

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 13-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS REAUTHORIZING A CIVILIAN RANGEMASTER POSITION AND THE PURCHASE OF POLICE SUPPLIES TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY'S COPS ALLOCATION

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby reauthorizes the establishment of a civilian rangemaster position, the purchase of police supplies, and the use of the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) allocation to finance the position and the purchase.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

JOHN A. MIRISH
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills,
California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

JEFFREY C. KOLIN
City Manager



NOEL MARQUIS
Acting Director of Administrative
Services / Chief Financial Officer



DAVID L. SNOWDEN
Chief of Police