

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: April 21, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 39 Roll Call No. <u>14-0629</u> Communication No. <u>14-184</u> Submitted by: Scott E. Sanders, Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Release of prior General Fund allocation to the Municipal Housing Agency and approval of commitment for funding allocations and set aside for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Each year the City Council needs to designate if fund balances shown in the audit are being set aside for a particular use in future fiscal years; i.e. “committed” or if prior committed funds are no longer to be set aside. The Municipal Housing Agency no longer requires set aside funding from the General Fund and separately the City needs to set aside an allocation for the final year commitment for the COPS Grant Program as previously approved by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Municipal Housing Agency is being allowed to utilize their Development Fund to fill the gap in their operating budget. This approval by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows the City to remove the set-aside allocation from the General Fund that was illustrated in the June 30, 2013 Audit as shown on page 24 in the amount of \$250,000; see previous council action from April 8, 2013.

The Police Department received a grant award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to provide partial funding for nine (9) full-time officer positions for three (3) years with the requirement that such positions be funded entirely by the City for a fourth year. In order to fully fund the City’s obligations for the fourth year of the COPS grant program, the City shall commit a funding allocation of \$200,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, shall commit a funding allocation in aggregate of \$350,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and shall commit a funding allocation in aggregate of \$400,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

These allocations will be illustrated in the annual audit as “committed” fund balances until they are used to pay the costs of the officers in the fourth year of the program. This new grant award is being used in coordination with City funding to maintain the same strength of sworn police officers for four (4) years. Upon completion of the grant period, staffing levels will once again be reviewed.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1818](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application for the FY2013 COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program, \$1,125,000. ([Council Communication No. 13-574](#)) Moved by Coleman to approve. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: April 8, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0615](#)

Action: [Approving](#) allocation to the Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Administrative Account, not to exceed \$250,000. Sponsor: Mayor Cownie. Moved by Coleman to request that the City Manager set-aside \$250,000 excess gaming revenue to be available for transfer to the Housing Agency if alternative funds are not identified. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Meyer.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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