



Item No. 3 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: STEVEN D. MCCULLEY, POLICE CHIEF

DATE: JUNE 19, 2024

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXPENDITURES
FOR BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 SUPPLEMENTAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN’S
OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Adopt the attached resolution accepting the recommended expenditures of the remaining balance of FY 2024-25 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant in the amount of \$100,000 in accordance with California state requirements.

BACKGROUND

In FY 1996-1997, the California State Legislature created the Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program. Funds have been available through the State of California to local entities in the form of Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant. This year, as in past years, the Atherton Police Department will receive \$100,000. The grant requires that all money be used for front line law enforcement purposes. On behalf of the State, the County of San Mateo manages the program at the local level. Once the planned distribution of funds is approved by San Mateo County’s Law Enforcement Oversight Committee and the resolution is adopted by Council, the Town will use the COPS Grant award for the funding of sworn personnel.

Each city must create a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for the COPS Grant money. The funds cannot be used for administrative overhead costs in excess of 0.5 percent of the total allocation. The allocation may not be used to fund the costs of any capital project or construction project that does not directly support frontline law enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no matching requirements for grant money expended.

GOAL ALIGNMENT

This Report and its contents are in alignment with the following Council Policy Goals:

- Goal Area A – Maintain Fiscal Responsibility
- Goal Area D – Manage Circulation and Improve Safety
- Goal Area E – Strengthen Community Engagement and Transparency

POLICY FOCUS

The program has continued every year since its inception and the Atherton Police Department anticipates receiving COPS funds on an annual basis. There are no policy issues related to this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders –to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item has not been before a Town Committee or Commission

ATTACHMENTS

1. COPS Resolution 24-XX