



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: POLICE CHIEF ZAMORA

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$47,039.54 GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR THE OFFICER WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution accepting a grant for \$47,039.54 from the Board of State and Community Corrections for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary grant documents; and appropriating such funds to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

BACKGROUND:

The Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program established in the 2022 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022), provides \$50 million for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health sources. The allocation of funds was determined by the number of peace officers described in Penal Code 830.1. The funding allocation for the Watsonville Police Department was determined to be \$47,039.54.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program funding may be used for any of the following purposes:

- Establishing or expanding officer wellness units
- Establishing or expanding peer support units
- Services provided by a licensed mental health professional, counselor or other professional that works with law enforcement
- Expanding multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health
- Other programs and services that are evidence-based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness

The 2022 Budget Act requires grant recipients to submit an expenditure report and a final impact report no later than December 1, 2025. Grant recipients will also be required to submit a brief annual expenditure report. These reports will be provided to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The Watsonville Police Department will be working with the Board of State and Community Corrections to ensure that the proposed activities improve officer wellness and expands mental health sources.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This grant supports the Strategic Plan Goal 06-Public Safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This grant does not require local match funds and has no financial impact to the general fund. Staff is requesting that the \$47,039.54 grant be appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.