



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
September 19, 2023

TOPIC: Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program

AGENDA TITLE

Approve an Appropriation Adjustment Accepting the Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve an appropriation adjustment recognizing \$246,431.01 in the Law Enforcement Grants revenue account and appropriate same to the Board of State and Community Corrections Police Grants expenditure accounts. *(Requires five affirmative votes)*

DISCUSSION

The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program was established in the Budget Act of 2022 (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 345, Statutes of 2022) and provides \$50 million in one-time funding for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources. Funding allocation was automatically granted to eligible agencies based on number of sworn peace officers in the agency. Funds can only be used to create or enhance officer wellness and mental health services for sworn peace officers as defined in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code.

On February 10, 2023, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) issued the Santa Ana Police Department a check in the amount of \$246,431.01 to be used, in accordance with grant requirements, for officer wellness and mental health. The BSCC Grant Program will facilitate the expansion of the Police Department's current wellness program and Peer Support Team to better support and promote officer wellness and mental health.

Per statute, grant funds may be used for any of the following purposes:

- Establishing or expanding officer wellness units;
- Establishing or expanding peer support units;

Board of State and Community Corrections Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program

September 19, 2023

Page 2

- 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 Santa Ana Police Department plans to expend the grant funds for the following activities:

Peer Support Team Training	\$ 36,431.01
Peer Support Team Mutual Aid Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Physical Wellness and Fitness Program	\$ 80,000.00
Mental Health Services	\$120,000.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$246,431.01

The BSCC Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program will allow the Santa Ana Police Department to expand the availability of wellness resources to sworn peace officers, ultimately improving the quality of service our officers provide to the residents of Santa Ana. The grant performance period is January 1, 2023 through December 1, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the appropriation adjustment will recognize \$246,431.01 in the Law Enforcement Grants, State Grant-Direct revenue account (no. 12814002-52025) and appropriate same to the BSCC Police Grants expenditure account (nos. 12814413-various) for expenditure in the current fiscal year. Any funds unspent at the end of FY 2023-24 will be presented to City Council for approval of carryovers to FY 2024-25.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Award Notification and Amount

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager