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# CITY OF POMONA

## COUNCIL REPORT

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February 1, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Michael Ellis, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE FY 2020-21 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT (SLESA), AND AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGETS BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$355,000**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07– A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE FY 2020-21 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT (SLESA), AND AMENDING THE FY 2021-21 OPERATING BUDGETS BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$355,000**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each fiscal year, the State of California allocates funds to counties and cities to be deposited into a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA). The SLESA funds received may only be used to fund "front line" law enforcement enhancements. For FY 2020-21, the City is expected to receive approximately \$355,000. The Police Department proposes to utilize these SLESA funds on three (4) separate projects: fund a part-time Cold Case Investigator, Purchase new enhanced Police vehicles, purchase new mobile video audio system equipment, and automated license plate readers.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact is neutral due to an increase in grant revenues (281-2090-40873-58722) and corresponding appropriations (281-2090-5XXXX-58722) of \$355,000.

## **PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:**

On October 21, 2019, the City Council approved the Police Department's FY 2019-20 SLESA expenditure plan.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Pomona Police Department continues to receive an annual allocation of SLESA funds, which is based on population and availability of supporting Vehicle Licensing Fee monies. Over the last decade, the Police Department has received funds from this program to purchase an array of advanced technology and equipment to dramatically improve operational capabilities and enhance citizen and officer safety while reducing crime and lowering law enforcement costs.

### **FY 2020-21 SLESA Expenditure Plan**

#### **Part-time Cold Case Investigator – (\$45,000)**

The Police Department's Homicide Unit has identified a multitude of cold cases that require a fresh review by an investigator. This part-time position will be a non-sworn investigator with extensive homicide investigation experience. The investigator will review cold cases and analyze them for additional follow-up. The investigator will also screen and consider cases for additional evidence processing with the latest in forensic technology, to include advanced DNA analysis. This part-time position will continue to be funded as a temporary project until PD management has determined that all existing cold-case files have been reviewed thoroughly.

#### **Enhanced Police Vehicles-(\$255,000)**

Utilizing the funds provided through the SLESA program, the Police Department intends to purchase and equip up to five (5) new pursuit-rated vehicles and/or specialty vehicles for Police Department personnel, depending on the total amount of funding received. The pursuit-rated vehicles may be used for field operations, emergency response and/or special assignments thereby providing a significant improvement to the operational capabilities of the Police Department.

#### **Mobile Audio Video System Equipment- (\$30, 000)**

The Police Department currently utilizes a Mobile Audio Video system to record video and audio evidence while making contacts in the field and investigating crimes. This equipment includes fixed cameras in the Department's police vehicles and body worn cameras worn by Officers and other Department staff. Some components for this system are over five years old and are beginning to fail as a result of age and use. This project will utilize SLESA funds to purchase new control heads, DVRs, body-worn cameras and other equipment to maintain the system and to ensure proper operations.

#### **Automated License Plate Readers- (\$25,000)**

The Police Department uses Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) to locate stolen vehicles, as well as to investigate a wide range of crimes. The current ALPR cameras are outdated ranging

from 5 to 9 years old. This project will add an additional 10 high-definition cameras throughout the city. The cameras will be used to address the over 20 percent increase in auto thefts the city has seen in the last year. Additionally, they will be deployed to address human trafficking and other quality of life related issues. The funds will be utilized for the acquisition of cameras, maintenance, and secure data storage.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2020-07