

**Item No. 11  
Town of Atherton**



**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**FROM: STEVEN D. MCCULLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXPENDITURES FOR  
BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 SUPPLEMENTAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF), CITIZEN’S OPTION  
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the attached resolution accepting the recommended expenditures of the remaining balance of FY 2019-20 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.

**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.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**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 that include, but are not limited to media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL**

This item \_\_\_ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- Civic Center Advisory Committee (meets as needed)
- Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- Planning Commission (meets each month)
- Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- Transportation Committee (meets every other month)
- Tree Committee (meets each month)

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. ATTACHMENT 1 – Resolution

RESOLUTION 19-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON TO ACCEPT A STATE COPS GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND APPROVE USE OF THE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the FY 2019-2020 State Budget includes funding the State COPS program which includes funding of at least \$100,000 to the Town of Atherton Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature mandated this money to be spent for the front-line law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Atherton Police Department wishes to spend the grant to place a Police Officer on the streets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the Town of Atherton, California does hereby approve the use of the State COPS Grant for the Atherton Police Department to place a Police Officer on the streets.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the Town of Atherton at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

William Widmer, MAYOR
TOWN OF ATHERTON

Anthony Suber, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bill Conners, City Attorney