



Legislation Text

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Ordinance in the Amount of \$300,000 Amending the State, Federal, and Other Grants Fund Budget for the Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds for Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (PSN) FY16

Department: Police
Council District: All

Public Hearing: N/A
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PURPOSE:

The Office of Justice Programs has awarded the Greensboro Police Department a Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (PSN) Federal Grant FY16 of \$300,000. The Greensboro Police Department will serve as the lead/fiscal agency for the Greensboro's PSN Task Force's grant activities over the award period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018.

The grant will be approved by the Budget and Evaluation Director and City Manager in accordance with the City Grants Policy. To accept this grant, approval of a budget ordinance is also required by City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) represents a strategic approach which brings more "science" into criminal justice operations by leveraging innovative applications of analysis, technology, and evidence-based practices with the goal of improving performance and effectiveness while containing costs. PSN is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in gang violence and gun crime. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each district.

Greensboro's PSN Task Force will utilize the funds to address this issue by: (1) Creating a PSN Task Force to coordinate firearm & gang crime investigations; (2) Implementing preventative & diversionary measures for young offenders (ages 12 to 18) currently committing misdemeanor crimes with a high rate of victimization; (3) Improving data-driven analysis & understanding of firearm & gang crime; and, (4) Supporting an innovative intervention strategy.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This is a reimbursable grant; no match is required. The funds will be housed in grant account #220-3534-01. Expense reimbursement requests will be processed quarterly and dispersed to the partnering agencies upon receipt of funds by the City of Greensboro from the Office of Justice Programs.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Greensboro Chief of Police requests City Council's consideration to adopt the associated budget ordinance for the Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds for FY 16 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (PSN) in the amount of \$300,000.