



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
October 5, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Grant: FY2010/11 Mercy General Hospital Neighborhood Policing Grant  
Program**

**Location/Council District:** District 3

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept on behalf of the City of Sacramento up to \$408,000 in grant funding for the time period of October 15, 2010 to October 15, 2011 for Neighborhood Policing Services for the Mercy General Hospital Campus and immediate area; 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento, an Agreement with the City and Catholic Healthcare West to implement Neighborhood Policing Services; 3) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to increase SPD staffing by four (4.00) Police Officer Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions; 4) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to establish a grant project (#G11008300) for the Mercy General Policing Grant; 5) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to increase the appropriate grant revenue and expense budget adjustments by \$408,000.

**Contact:** Dana Matthes, Captain, (916) 808-4511

**Presenters:** Not applicable.

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Central Command

**Organization No:** 11001171

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Mercy General Hospital (MGH) has identified a need to enhance security at the 4001 "J" Street Hospital campus and immediate area. Since 2009, MGH has experienced a 200% increase in "disruptive behavior" incidents. The Emergency Department is also contending with a large increase in disturbances, many of which are related to the increase in mentally ill subjects that now frequent the emergency room and hospital area. Property crimes, traffic issues, and nuisance issues in general are also of concern. As a result, MGH has requested to work in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department to implement a Neighborhood Policing Program.

Police Officers assigned to this detail would provide neighborhood policing services that include responding to disturbances and emergency calls, addressing crime and nuisance issues using the problem solving philosophy, pertinent safety training, ongoing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews, and timely investigative follow up.

**Policy Considerations:** Approving the acceptance of grant funding for Neighborhood Policing Services is consistent with the action taken by the City Council with regards to the Kaiser Grant and with the City's ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment to live and work. In addition, City Council Resolution #2010-388 requires City Council approval to accept grant funding, establish a grant project, and appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Sustainability Considerations:** There are no sustainability considerations associated with this report.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not Applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** This grant for Neighborhood Policing services will enhance the Police Department's ability to provide effective public safety and security by physically assigning Police Officers to provide law enforcement services with an emphasis on community policing and problem solving. In doing so, the Police Officers will be able to identify, assess, and respond to crime and nuisance issues impacting the campus and immediate area. These Officers will be able to provide a direct connection between the hospital and immediate area and the full capabilities of the Police Department's specialty units in responding to and investigating crimes that occur.

**Financial Considerations:** The salary and benefits associated with the four (4) Police Officer FTE positions will be fully funded by Mercy General Hospital (Catholic Healthcare West) for one year with the option to extend the grant each year. If funding is eliminated or reduced the positions will be inactivated. This grant does not require a match and will not impact the General Fund.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: Dana Matthes  
Dana Matthes, Captain

Approved by: Sam Somers  
Sam Somers, Acting Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H.B. Jimmy  
for Gus Vina  
Interim City Manager

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**Attachment 1****BACKGROUND**

The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) has assigned full-time Police Officers to serve as Neighborhood Police Officers for Kaiser Hospital and the immediate area as described in Resolution #93-714 and Resolution #97-116 which has since been amended 11 times and remains in effect until December 31, 2010. The officers provide an important, visible and effective presence in and around the hospital and work to further the Department's interests in providing for the public's safety and security.

Due to increases in various types of crimes and nuisance-related issues, Mercy General Hospital has expressed an interest to work in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department to implement a Neighborhood Policing Program.

The primary duties of the assigned Officers would include the following:

- Provide problem oriented police services to MGH and the immediate area.
- Provide community policing services to MGH and the immediate area.
- Address police-related MGH issues using the problem solving philosophy.
- Provide ongoing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews.
- Provide law enforcement safety associated training to staff as appropriate.
- Police and patrol the campus and immediate area including the on-site residential facility (future facility).
- Provide quarterly reviews to management.
- Provide investigative follow-up.
- Provide direction in the event of an emergency to other on-site security personnel.

Mercy General Hospital is located in an area surrounded by residences, Sacred Heart School, and several businesses. Significant benefits are to be gained from having officers assigned to a neighborhood policing program in this area. The relationships developed between officers and staff, in addition to enhanced familiarity of the area and its issues allows the officers to provide more comprehensive police services. As public safety issues evolve, officers are well-positioned with their experience of the involved parties and area-specific issues to effectively solve problems. Furthermore, CPTED reviews provide ongoing comprehensive public safety planning which is critical to ever-changing environments such as the high-traffic Emergency Department and Family Birthing Center. Additionally, Sacred Heart School is located adjacent to the Hospital and would benefit from this program.



**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**GRANT: FY2010/11 MERCY GENERAL HOSPITAL NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Mercy General Hospital (MGH), operated by Catholic Healthcare West, has identified a need to enhance security at the 4001 “J” Street Hospital campus and immediate area. Since 2009, MGH has experienced a 200% increase in “disruptive behavior” incidents. The Emergency Department is also contending with a large increase in disturbances, many of which are related to the increase in mentally ill subjects that now frequent the emergency room and hospital area. Property crimes, traffic issues, and nuisance issues in general are also of concern.
- B. MGH has requested to work in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department to implement a Neighborhood Policing Program at the hospital.
- C. Police Officers assigned to this detail would provide neighborhood policing services that include responding to disturbances and emergency calls, addressing crime and nuisance issues using the problem solving philosophy, pertinent safety training, ongoing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews, and timely investigative follow-up.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Sacramento up to \$408,000 in grant funding for the time period of October 15, 2010 to October 15, 2011 for Neighborhood Policing Services for the Mercy General Hospital Campus and immediate area.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute an agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, with Catholic Healthcare West to implement Neighborhood Policing Services.
- Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to increase SPD staffing by four (4.00) Police Officer FTE position. These four (4.00) Police Officer

FTE positions will be inactivated if funding is reduced or the agreement is terminated.

Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to establish a grant project (#G11008300) for the MGH Neighborhood Policing Services grant.

Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to adjust the necessary grant expense and revenue budgets to implement the agreement with MGH.

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