

Riverside County Sheriff's Department

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Chris Escobedo, Interim City Manager City of Palm Desert 73510 Fred Waring Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Mr. Escobedo,

This letter serves to meet the statuary requirements of California Assembly Bill 2885, which requires that the Chief of Police, of a California Municipality, receiving Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funding (SLESF) draft a written request outlining a spending plan for approval by the City Council. In accordance with the requirements of SLESF all the following proposed expenditures are for "front line law enforcement" and will not be used to "supplant" any existing funding for this agency.

The following is a general list of proposed expenditures for the encumbrance and allocation to the City of Palm Desert's Police Department:

• 2025 Crime Suppression Programs

20%

• Equipment, Services and Supplies

80%

Crime Suppression Programs (20%)

The Palm Desert Police Department is requesting approximately half of the allocated funds to be used toward various crime suppression programs throughout the year. These programs will allow staff to focus their efforts on an identified problem that directly affects quality of life concerns for Palm Desert residents. These programs will be conducted utilizing staff that are equipped and trained to combat criminal activity while identifying those responsible for their crimes.

During these shifts, deputies will patrol on foot, bicycles, motors, horses, patrol cars, and undercover vehicles to accomplish their mission. This will also allow staff to be in full uniform or should an undercover capacity be appropriate, plain clothes can be authorized. These programs can range anywhere from various theft suppression programs, a problem with commercial or residential burglaries in a specific area, retail theft organized crime rings, thefts from vehicles in concentrated locations, trespassing operations, vandalism to recreational areas, speed enforcement, amongst many other identified criminal activities that directly affect quality of life. All these operations will be a supplement to existing law enforcement services.

Equipment, Services and Supplies (80%)

These funds are used for a plethora of various items including, but not limited to, monthly rental vehicles for undercover officers assigned to the Burglary Suppression Unit (BSU), load bearing vests (LBV) for new special team members or the replacement of old, worn vests, bicycle maintenance, miscellaneous special team supplies, electronic ticket writers for the Palm Desert Traffic Bureau, and any other various equipment expenses that may arise throughout the year. Computers, technology, ALPR cameras and other support apparatus will be purchased using these funds, as needed. Any eligible frontline law enforcement expenditure that can be approved will utilize these funds to minimize impact to the operational budget.

The SLESF expenditures will continue to be reflected in The City of Palm Desert Fiscal Account #2294210-4391400.

Sincerely,

Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner

Jason Sexton, Captain - Palm Desert Station