



# STAFF REPORT

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File Number 0480-70

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## **SUBJECT**

### **FY 2022 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

## **DEPARTMENT**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Request the City Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-27 and accept FY 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the California Office of Emergency Services through the County of San Diego, authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City of Escondido ("City"), and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. The Department will use grant funds to pay overtime expenses for multi-disciplinary crime suppression operations related to human trafficking, narcotics trafficking, weapons trafficking, and criminal gang activity. This grant will provide operational funding to enforce local and state laws.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Department Name: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

**ESSENTIAL SERVICE** – Yes, internal requirement in support of police services

**COUNCIL PRIORITY** –Improve Public Safety

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

No impact on the Operational Budget, this project is fully funded by grants.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On November 16, 2022, the City Council accepted a FY 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to pay overtime expenses for crime suppression details. For the past twelve years, Stonegarden funding has allowed the Escondido Police Department to partner with local law enforcement agencies to address criminal activities that affect the community. FY 2020 Stonegarden funds allowed the Escondido Police Department to participate in a regional operation that focused on gang crime and narcotic trafficking activities.



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### **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department received a \$10,000 FY 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant. Funding was provided by the California Office of Emergency Services, through the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

The Department proposes to use grant funds to pay overtime expenses for multi-disciplinary crime suppression operations related to human trafficking, narcotics trafficking, weapons trafficking, and criminal gang activity. Throughout San Diego County, all local law enforcement agencies participate in Operation Stonegarden. This grant will provide operational funding to enforce local and state laws. Grant funds will not be used to enforce immigration laws on behalf of Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No. 2024-27

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Attachment "1"- Budget Adjustment