

California Police Chiefs Association

Replies from members to question: Are there any Police Departments in the state that fund police officer positions through Redevelopment Agency Funding (RDA) or other special funds outside of the General Fund ?

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<p>Pinole Police Department Chief Pete Janke pjanke@ci.pinole.ca.us</p>	<p>Partially fund a Crime Prevention Officer and a Crime Prevention Sergeant in our Community Preservation And Safety Unit with RDA funds. (67% RDA, 33% General Fund. Funding was controversial but is working. Finance Director Richard Loomis 510-724-9823</p>
<p>Indio Police Department Brad Ramos bramos@indiopd.org</p>	<p>RDA will fund but you have to fight Pilot Programs only. These are Temporary in nature. I have been able to use RDA Funds in the past for Downtown Areas that fit the definition of blight etc...according to the Census Tract.</p> <p>CBDG Funds I have used to fund a sergeant in Code Enforcement and was able to program it for 3 years.</p> <p>All tow release funds go into my Traffic Safety Fund and have been used for funding a Clerk, and Commercial Enforcement Officer... these funds now are used for equipment...I generate around \$250,000 a year. What ever is left over I carry over and have built the account up to \$450,000.00 after paying for the 2 positions. Which I then used to buy MDC's for the entire Fleet every years.....</p> <p>Franchise Tow Agreement our Department has 4 tow companies that are on a 5 year franchise..This generates \$135,000 a year just last year I had to give it up to the general fund after about 5 years....</p> <p>We are currently revising our City Ord to mirror some of the Vehicle Code so we can retain about 95%. The downside these cites are not reported to DMV, but on TC's will cite the CVC section...currently we have about 12 sections that mirror the CVC. We are about 4 months away from revise the traffic section of our City Ord.</p> <p>Feel free to call me if you have any questions. My Department budget is 23 million for a city of 81,000 if that helps put things in perspective. I also have a complete run down of all Revenue that the PD generates that goes back the General Fund which was interesting because I found that we were generating a significant amount of revenue</p>
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City of Oroville Police Department JF Nickelson nickelsonjf@cityoforoville.org	Funds two officer through RDA for blight activities. Finance Director Dianne McMillian 530-538-2411
South San Francisco Police Department Chief Mark Raffaelli Mark.raffaelli@ssf.net	Uses RDA funds to pay for 2 officers assigned to Special Enforcement Team which are assigned to patrol RDA identified areas. These areas happen to be located in high risk locations in the City that already require additional police services. They fund a parking enforcement position with funds from parking meters through the Parking Place Commission, who control these expenditures.
Ventura Police Department Lt. Quinn Fenwick qfenwick@ci.ventura.ca.us	We are currently trying to talk our RDA folks into funding OT for officers to provide 'security' for the RDA district on an overtime basis only.
Oakland Police Department David Kozicki, DAKozicki@oaklandnet.com	The Oakland Police Department uses RDA funding to pay for 14 police officers, 1 sergeant, special overtime projects, and equipment to provide supplemental police services to 5 of the city's redevelopment area. The total expenditures are approximately \$6 million annually.
Manteca PD John Orcutt, Captain jorcutt@ci.manteca.ca.us	Manteca PD has acquired code enforcement officers via RDA funds, but not sworn police officers. We have considered trying to hire an RDA funded police officer or CSO, and then assigning them to a strictly RDA beat, but the legalities of doing so are not clear.
Redlands Police Department Jim Bueermann Jim.bueermann@redlandspolice.org	RDA funds an officer that is assigned to it and we are exploring whether RDA can pay for a patrol officer assigned fulltime to the RDA area.
Santa Cruz Police Department	From 1991- 2008 RDA funds were used to fund 2 Community Service officers for the downtown area, this funding has been recently pulled. Currently exploring the possibility of using RDA funds for officer positions, in process.
Vallejo Police Department Robert Nichelini rnichelini@ci.vallejo.ca.us	We have attempted to use RDA funding for officers but have been told by our Finance Department that it can not be done.
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<p>Santa Rosa Police Department Chief Tom Simms tsimms@ci.santarosa.ca.us</p>	<p>An Environmental Crimes Detective position is funded by the Utilities Department. Four School Resource Officers have half of their salaries paid by the school district, a supplemental sales tax pays for a number of sworn and civilian positions.</p>
<p>Willits Police Department Chief Geraldo Gonzalez chiefgonz@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>We do not fund Officers but have in the past funded a CSO partially through the RDA program for Code Enforcement. I am not an expert but it seems that my RDA person said that they could do so on a short term basis. Since then the Code Enforcement is funded out of the general fund. The original idea was to use the Code Enforcement / CSO for both departments since CSOs here had dealt with abandoned cars and such. It ultimately did not work out due to personnel issues.</p> <p>On a side note we pay for our share of rent/mortgage on a shared City /County Justice Center out of RDA funds to the Tune of \$30,000 a year. The police Department is in the RDA zone and it was set up for the life of the payment schedule of 30 years for \$30,000 a year.</p>
<p>Cathedral City Police Department Chief Stan Henry shenry@cathedralcity.gov</p>	<p>In a proactive effort to enhance community health and to reduce incidents of community blight, staff is proposing the creation of a Multi-disciplinary Graffiti Abatement / Community Anti-Blight Task Force. The proposed task force would combine law enforcement with code enforcement and public works personnel into one unit supervised by a police sergeant. The proposed task force would be funded primarily by the Redevelopment District and would focus on removing incidents of blight, while seeking criminal and civil sanctions, with restitution, when appropriate. Additionally, the multi-disciplinary task force would work on mitigating the re-occurrence of graffiti and blight.</p>
<p>San Jose Police Department Lisa Perez Lisa.perez@sanjoseca.gov</p>	<p>RDA funds 8 officer positions beginning in January 2009</p>
<p>Union City Police Department Chief Greg Stewart GregS@unioncity.org</p>	<p>Fund just over 4 FTEs through RDA who are assigned to the redevelopment areas in the city. In addition we fund a portion of other salaries of supervisors. We have also established a Property Owners Business Improvement District that funds three officers who are assigned to large commercial developments in the city.</p>
<p>San Ramon Police Department Captain Joe Gorton jgorton@sanramon.ca.gov</p>	<p>We fund our Community Resources Officer (Sworn position) who is in charge of our Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.</p>

Morgan Hill Police Department Chief Bruce Cumming Bruce.cumming@morganhill.ca.gov	RDA funding (areas where the majority of our calls are) funds 2 police officers, a great officer, and 1 of our persons street crimes program officers, plus a .5 FTE clerical person to support these officers, plus 1 part-time graffiti removal person.
Union City Police Department Captain Kevin Finnerty kevinF@unioncity.org	RDA funding is used for positions under limited circumstances.
Oakdale Police Department Chief Marty West mwest@ci.oakdale.ca.us	Oakdale does not fund any position with RDA, however, our City Manager and HR Analysis are partially funded with enterprise account funding since they deal with employees in public works, sanitation, etc. The purpose was to free up general funds for public safety.