

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 11-0255

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a Victim of Crime Act grant award for the City Attorney's Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the grant award between the City of Los Angeles and the California Emergency Management Agency, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept the grant award in the amount of \$116,420 for funding the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program for the period October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable in the amount of \$116,420 within Fund 368, Department 12.
 - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund 368, as follows:

Account 12J401	FY 12-13 UV Program	\$116,420
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4. TRANSFER, upon receipt of grant funds, up to \$85,225 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12J401 to Fund 100, Department 12, Revenue Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Dept.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), or designee, to approve the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.
6. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program is \$147,126, of which \$116,420 will be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency for salaries, fringe benefits and expenses. The General Fund impact will be \$16,153 for overhead costs (central services and department administration), which is not reimbursed by the grant. The grant has a ten percent matching requirement, which the City Attorney's Office will meet through volunteer hours. This action is in compliance with City financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 27, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$116,420 in grant funding for the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program. This program provides services to victims of crime in the underserved lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, with the goal of helping victims recover from the psychological, emotional, and out-of-pocket financial losses incurred as a result of the crime, as well as increasing the victims' involvement in the criminal justice system. Grant funds will be used to pay the salary and benefits for one Witness Service Coordinator, program materials and supplies, travel, and contractual services. A total of \$1,000 will be set aside to provide victims with emergency assistance. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At the special Public Safety Committee meeting held March 27, 2013, the Committee Chair recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept the grant award and approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

- NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS -

MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT

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