

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to extending the term of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) 2009 COPS Technology grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to accept the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Division approval of a no-cost extension of the 2009 COPS Technology grant, extending the term from March 10, 2015 to September 10, 2016.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Approval of the above recommendations will allow for the full expenditure of the 2009 COPS grant award totaling \$500,000. These recommendations are in compliance with City financial policies in that expenditure of grant funds is strictly limited to the mandates of the funding source.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated May 19, 2015, the CAO states that LAPD seeks authority to extend the grant term of the 2009 COPS Technology grant by 18 months for a total term of seven years with a new ending date of September 10, 2016, to expend unspent funds in the amount of \$259,000. Excess funds will be used to pay for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 subscription cost of NotifyLA. On April 14, 2015, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

According to the CAO, the grant provides funding for the development of a mass notification system to ensure rapid delivery of critical alerts, warnings, and instructional messages to City residents and businesses during disasters, emergencies, and other significant Citywide events. LAPD initially partnered with the County of Los Angeles for access to the Alert LA County emergency notification system. However, technical limitations of that system, costs, and the need for City control of its messaging led to LAPD procuring its own mass notification system in June 2014. This system is known locally as NotifyLA and reaches the public and first responders via recorded telephone messages, text messages, and emails.

The CAO reports that the NotifyLA system is operating as planned and will provide the City with greater flexibility at a lower cost than the County system, allowing for unlimited notifications for the annual subscription cost of \$259,000. With unlimited notification capacity, versus the per call/text fee of the County's system, the NotifyLA system is more economically feasible for notifications to first responders and other City employees.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held May 22, 2015, the Committee Vice-Chair recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept the extension of the 2009 COPS

Technology grant, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

jaw

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-