

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 11-1801

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

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a grant award for the City Attorney's Joint Powers Verification Unit for the processing of compensation claims made by victims of crime.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable from the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$689,354.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation accounts within Fund 368, Department 12:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12H501	Personal Services	\$614,055
12H503	Operating Expenses	\$ 75,299

2. TRANSFER \$461,002 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12H501 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 001020, Salaries Grant Reimbursed.
3. TRANSFER, upon receipt of grant funds, the following amount from Fund 368, Department 12 as reimbursement to the General Fund for related costs:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12H501	Personal Services	\$222,203

4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the 2011-12 Joint Powers of Verification Unit is \$745,643 of which \$689,354 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, fringe benefits, expenses and partial overhead. The General Fund impact will be \$56,289 for City overhead which is not eligible for reimbursement. The maximum overhead reimbursement is limited to fifteen percent per grant guidelines. No additional appropriation is required as these are continuing positions and the overhead is already funded in the 2011-12 Adopted Budget. The acceptance and use of the grant funds is consistent with City financial policies in that one-time costs will be supported by one-time revenue.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated October 21, 2011 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to appropriate \$689,354 in grant funding to continue

the Joint Powers of Verification Unit for Fiscal Year 2011-12. Pursuant to State law, certain victims of crime may receive payments for unreimbursed losses directly resulting from a crime. The County of Los Angeles is the direct recipient of these funds from the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and selected the City of Los Angeles as a local resource to provide support services necessary to administer and process local claims received by residents.

The CAO reports that the grant funds are used to supports the salaries, operating expenses, fringe benefits, and partial overhead for seven positions in the Joint Powers of Verification Unit. During Grant Program year 2010-11, approximately 2,405 new claims were processed, along with 17,048 continuation claims and bills for medical/mental health expenses, loss of support/wage loss, funeral/burial, and moving/relocation expenses. The value of the 2010-11 claims processed is \$7,827,247. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held November 4, 2011, Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations regarding a grant award for the City Attorney's Joint Powers Verification Unit for the processing of compensation claims made by victims of crime.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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