

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to reprogramming 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program funds and extending the grant agreement term.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to reprogram funds totaling \$285,308 within the 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ).
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the NIJ no-cost extension for the 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program, extending the period through December 31, 2013.
 - b. Negotiate and execute sole source agreements with Qiagen and Life Technologies for the purchase of DNA processing and analysis equipment as approved by the NIJ, subject to the sole source approval, and the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations as needed from Fund 339/70, Account 70H533 2011 DNA Backlog Reduction, to Fund 100/70, Account 1090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$10,714.
4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program costs are fully reimbursable. The above recommendations comply with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated September 19, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD requests authority to modify funding amounts within the 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program, and approval of a six-month extension of the grant period ending September 30, 2013. The CAO reports that the total approved funding amount of \$1,570,465 will remain the same, and the modification has been approved by the NIJ.

According to the CAO, the major objective of the 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit. The original grant authorized the LAPD to reduce this backlog using a combination of employee overtime, training, new technology equipment, and contract laboratory services. The requested changes to the Program include bringing more of the backlog processing in-house, instead of sending the work out to contracted laboratories and, therefore, purchasing more equipment and supplies to process cases. The

CAO recommends approval of LAPD's request.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held September 27, 2013, the Committee Chair and Member recommended that Council approve the proposed reprogramming of 2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program funds, as recommended by the CAO, and as amended to extend the grant term through December 31, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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