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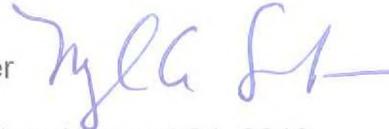
OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: September 24, 2012

CAO File No. 0220-03790-0035
Council File No. 11-1909-S1
Council District: --

To: The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated August 21, 2012

Subject: **2012 FORENSIC DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests authority to apply for and accept a \$1,447,163 grant award for the 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program and to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the period October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014.

Under the cooperative agreement, the NIJ will reimburse the City for expenses incurred to reduce the DNA casework backlog as follows:

Contract Laboratory Services	\$450,000
Civilian Overtime	247,641
Travel	63,640
Training	22,500
Software Licenses	199,000
Equipment	420,967
Department Administration and Support	43,415
Total	<u>\$1,447,163</u>

The major objective of the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program Grant is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) by 340 cases. The LAPD reports that the demand for DNA testing services has exceeded capacity for many years. Two recent developments are primarily responsible for the increased demand for DNA analyses: the success of solving property crimes through DNA; and a greater ability to solve crimes through "touch" DNA. "Touch" DNA is DNA that is left behind in trace amounts when hands come into contact with an object. The LAPD intends to reduce the backlog using a combination of employee overtime, new technology equipment and contract laboratory services.

The LAPD will continue to address its ongoing forensic cases workload with funds provided in the 2012-13 Budget. Any additional needs for the Crime Laboratory will be addressed in the context of the annual budget. Further details on the award and cooperative agreement are provided in the correspondence from the Board of Police Commissioners dated August 21, 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program in an amount, up to, \$1,447,163 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the period October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award and to negotiate, execute and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Negotiate and amend existing agreements or execute new agreements with existing contract laboratory service providers to expend, up to, \$450,000 in grant funded contractual service monies, subject to the approval of the City Attorney;
2. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a supplemental grant receivable in Account No. 70H533, within Fund 339, Department 70 for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds;
 - b. Increase appropriations, as needed, from Fund 339, Department 70, Account No. 70H533, to Fund 100, Department 70, Account No. 1090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$123,820;
3. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70;
 - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$1,447,163 in accordance with the grant award agreement; and
 - c. Prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid Backlog Reduction Program costs are fully reimbursable and acceptance of the grant does not require matching funds. Therefore, there is no impact to the City's General Fund. The recommendations in this report comply with City's Financial Policies as one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

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August 21, 2012

BPC #12-0339

The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2012 FORENSIC
DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 21, 2012, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Handwritten signature of Maria Silva in cursive.

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

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c: Chief of Police

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POLICE COMMISSION

August 17, 2012
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police



SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2012
FORENSIC DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) BACKLOG REDUCTION
PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council, should the grant be awarded, to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to ACCEPT the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount up to \$1,447,163 from the National Institute of Justice, United States Department of Justice, for the period of October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to spend up to the grant amount in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a supplemental grant receivable in Appropriation Account No. 70H533 within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for disbursement of the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations for the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70H533 in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001090, Civilian Overtime:

\$ 123,820

- F. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2013, or the first meeting day thereafter, the following instructions:

AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to increase appropriations for the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70H533 in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund

No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001090, Civilian Overtime: \$123,820.64

- G. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to amend existing agreements with contract DNA laboratory service providers in accordance with the grant agreement and subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality; and,

- H. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller Instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

Funding from this grant will enable the LAPD to reduce its Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) backlog by 340 cases and increase its laboratory capacity to meet existing and future demand for DNA screening and testing. The grant funds will provide for overtime costs, training costs (travel expenses and class registration fees), equipment purchases, and utilize contract laboratory services. Moreover, the strategy of the grant program will reduce bottlenecks that have in the past prevented the LAPD from meeting many of its DNA related investigation goals.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Information Officer Maggie Goodrich, Commanding Officer, Information Technology Bureau, at (213) 486-0370.

Respectfully,


for
CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved August 24, 2012
Secretary Maria Silva

Attachments