

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2013 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Scientific Investigation Division.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant in the amount of \$1,287,833 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the period October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2015.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - c. Amend existing agreements with contract DNA laboratory services providers, as necessary, in accordance with the grant agreement and subject to the City Attorney approval as to form and legality. 2.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339/70.
 - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$1,287,833 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339/70 in the amount of \$1,287,833 and establish an appropriation account within Fund 339/70, account number to be determined, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Program grant funds in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Increase appropriations as needed from Fund 339/70, 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program account to Police Department Fund 100/70, Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$278,656.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to place on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2014, or the first meeting day thereafter, the following instructions:

AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations on an as-needed basis for the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program from the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339/70 (account number to be determined) to Police Department Fund 100/70, Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$278,655.
5. 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. The 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program costs are fully reimbursable and acceptance of the grant does not require matching funds. The above recommendations comply with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time purposes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated October 18, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD seeks retroactive approval to apply for and accept the 2013 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount of \$1,287,833, and to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the period beginning October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015.

The CAO reports that the major objective of the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit by 1,135 cases. The 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program provides funding to state and local governments with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to increase their capacity to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA in order to help reduce the turnaround time for DNA analysis, increase throughput and capacity, and reduce the number of forensic DNA samples awaiting analysis. Grant funds will be used for civilian overtime, contract lab services, supplies, training, travel, equipment, and grant administration.

On September 24, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request for authority to accept the 2013 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held November 8, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept this grant, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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