

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**PUBLIC SAFETY
AND
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEES**

report as follows:

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Community Oriented Policing Services 2011 Child Sexual Predator Program resolution authorities and grant extension.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to request a grant performance period extension from the United States Department of Justice for the Community Oriented Policing Services 2011 Child Sexual Predator Program grant of up to two years, through July 31, 2015.
2. AUTHORIZE by resolution the following three positions in compliance with the terms and conditions of the 2011 Child Sexual Predator Program grant for a two-year period not to extend beyond July 31, 2015:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Classification</u>
3	2214-2	Police Officer II

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that Approval of the recommendations contained in the February 7, 2013 CAO report, as attached to the Council file, will authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to hire three Police Officer IIs for a period of up to two years at a cost of \$504,163, including fringe benefits. The 2011 Child Sexual Predator Program grant will reimburse these costs up to \$467,162. The General Fund impact will be \$37,021.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 8, 2013 the Public Safety considered an October 15, 2012 Los Angeles Police Commission (Commission) report and February 7, 2013 CAO report relative to requesting Resolution Authority for three new positions to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) 2011 Child Sexual Predator Program. The LAPD is also requesting authority to extend the grant term for two years, through July 31, 2015. According to the CAO, the COPS 2011-CSPP Grant was awarded to the City by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to reduce child endangerment. On January 31, 2012, the City Council approved the acceptance of the grant award of \$499,992 and grant agreement term of two years, from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2013 (Council File No. 12-0032).

The grant provides funding for three sworn officers to work in partnership with the LA Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the LAPD Registration and Enforcement and Compliance Team (REACT) to develop and implement new child sex crime control strategies, including enforcement, training, and community educational programs. Funding is also provided for office supplies and outreach materials and travel expenses for the CSPP Officers to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference.

The LAPD originally identified three existing positions-one Police Detective I and two Police Officer IIs to perform the CSPP grant work. The LAPD has since clarified that one Police Sergeant I and two Police Officer IIs will be performing the work. However, upon clarification with the DOJ, grant funds must be used to hire new, unbudgeted entry level sworn Police Officers. Existing, higher level sworn personnel may be assigned to the CSPP, but the grant funding provided must then go to support the hiring of new, entry level sworn personnel to backfill the vacancies created by the reassignment. The grant funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis once the new officers are hired. Though Police Officers are hired at the Paygrade I level, they automatically promote to a Police Officer II once they pass the probationary period of 18 months. Because the CSPP is a two year program, it is appropriate to authorize positions at the Police Officer II level.

Due to the LAPD's inability to receive the CSPP grant funding for personnel costs until new personnel is hired, it has also requested authority to extend the grant term for two years for a total term of four years, from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2015. The existing officers' work on the CSPP may be terminated after two years, but the agreement with the DOJ needs to be continued until all funds for the new officers are reimbursed, which may not occur until July 2015. Because the CSPP grant requires the hiring of new Police Officers, costs above those provided by the grant will be an additional cost to the General Fund. The CSPP grant provides \$157,362 in sworn salary and \$76,209 in fringe benefits per year to cover the costs of three entry-level Police Officers for a program term of two years. The total two-year personnel funding amount is \$467,142.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the February 7, 2013 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. Subsequently, on March 19, 2013, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee also considered the above reports and concurred with the Public Safety Committee after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES