

**COMMUNICATION**

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**File No. 12-0032**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the 2011 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Child Sexual Predator Program grant award for use by the Police Department to develop and implement new child sex crime control strategies.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2011 COPS Child Sexual Predator Program grant award in the amount of \$499,992 from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the period August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2013.
  - b. Negotiate and execute the 2011 COPS Child Sexual Predator Program Grant 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.
2. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$499,992 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339, Department 70 for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds.
  - b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis, as follows:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	339/70	70XXXX	2011 COPS CSPP	\$157,362

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To:	100/70	001012	Sworn Salaries	\$157,362

- c. Transfer appropriations within Fund 339, Department 70, as follows:

	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	70XXXX	2011 COPS CSPP	\$76,209

	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To:	70H299	Police Related Costs	\$76,209

4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the Council Calendar on July 1, 2012, the following action relative to the 2011 COPS Child Sexual Predator Program grant:

a. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis as follows:

From:	<u>Fund/Dept</u> 339/70	<u>Account No.</u> 70XXXX	<u>Account Name</u> 2011 COPS CSPP	<u>Amount</u> \$157,362
To:	<u>Fund/Dept</u> 100/70	<u>Account No.</u> 001012	<u>Account Name</u> Sworn Salaries	<u>Amount</u> \$157,362

b. Transfer appropriations within Fund 339, Department 70 as follows:

From:	<u>Account No.</u> 70XXXX	<u>Account Name</u> 2011 COPS CSPP	<u>Amount</u> \$76,209
To:	<u>Account No.</u> 70H299	<u>Account Name</u> Police Related Costs	<u>Amount</u> \$76,209

5. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to prepare Controller's instructions for any 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 this action will not impact the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies as one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to Council dated January 12, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Police Department requests authority to retroactive apply for and accept the 2011 COPS Child Sexual Predator Program grant award in the amount of \$499,992 from the DOJ for the period August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2013. The CAO reports that the purpose of this grant is to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to reduce child endangerment. The grant will enable the Police Department to work in partnership with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and the community to locate, arrest, and prosecute child sexual predators and exploiters and to enforce State sex offender registration laws.

According to the CAO, the Police Department will use \$467,142 of the grant to finance the salary and fringe benefits of one Detective I and two Police Officer II positions. The three Child Sexual Predator Program Officers will work in partnership with the LA Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Police Department's Registration and Enforcement and Compliance Team to develop and implement new child sex crime control strategies. Police staff assigned to this program will also partner with local parole and probation officers to enforce sex offender registration requirements and provide training to other law enforcement agencies on checking sex registrants' computers using forensic media tools. They will participate in community educational programs, and forums to educate teachers, students, parents and the public on Internet safety.

The CAO goes on to report that the Police Department will use \$20,370 of the grant award for office supplies and outreach materials such as pamphlets, posters, booklets, and educational items. These items including mouse pads with "10 Steps to Internet Safety," child safety whistles, pens, notebooks, and stickers with important contact information that will be distributed at community events. The balance of \$12,480 will be used for travel expenses to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference.

On December 20, 2011, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the Police Department's request to retroactively apply for, and accept, the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program grant award. The CAO concurs with this action.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held January 27, 2012, the Committee Chair and member recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations to authorize the Police Department to retroactively apply for, and accept, the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program grant award, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

**- NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS -**

MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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