

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

File No. 12-0177-S1

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2011-12 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program grant award.

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 ICAC grant award in the amount of \$125,000 from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the 2011 ICAC 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 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) 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 \$125,000 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:

From:	<u>Fund/Dept.</u> 339/70	<u>Account No.</u> 70XXXX	<u>Account Name</u> 2011 ICAC Grant	<u>Amount</u> \$ 120,322
To:	<u>Fund/Dept.</u> 100/70	<u>Account No.</u> 001012	<u>Account Name</u> Sworn Salaries	<u>Amount</u> \$ 74,360
	100/70	001092	Sworn Overtime	<u>45,962</u>
			Total:	<u>\$ 120,322</u>

4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD 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 City financial policies as one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On March 23, 2012, your Committee considered a February 23, 2012 CAO report relative to the 2011 ICIA Program Grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$125,000 grant award for the 2011-12 ICAC Program grant award from CalEMA for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Additionally, on January 31, 2012, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the Police Department's request to accept the grant award and the CAO concurs with this action.

The CAO then stated that the Los Angeles Regional ICAC Task Force is an interagency effort currently comprised of 45 law enforcement agencies covering five counties. The focus of the Task Force is to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals involved in crimes and the exploitation of juveniles through the use of the Internet, online communication systems, and other technologies. These computer-facilitated crimes include the exchange of child pornography and on-line solicitation for sexual purposes.

Furthermore, the Los Angeles Regional ICAC Task Force is funded through a combination of State and Federal grant funds and various local funds from the 26 participant agencies. The Police Department's Task Force is staffed by 12 officers and one civilian. This grant funds 70% of the salary of one Detective II, sworn overtime, and various operating and travel expenses.

The Committee then questioned the LAPD in regard to the grant. Specifically, the Committee asked the LAPD:

- a. Is this grant a contract and as such, is the LAPD asking for extension?
- b. How is it that there are still outstanding/pending invoices for expenditures that need to be paid in connection with this grant?
- c. How does the City invoice, or back-invoiced, for work that was done prior to extending the contract that has already expired?

The LAPD then responded, indicating that this is for a contract and as such, an extension is being requested. The LAPD also stated that the grant being applied for is a continuation grant and that the Department of Justice and CalEMA will allow the LAPD to back-bill once Council grants authority for the LAPD to apply for, and accept the grant.

Next, the Committee stated that it is directing the LAPD to provide answers to questions b and c in Council prior to approval of the grant request as contained in the February 23, 2012 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations.

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 23, 2012 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. Additionally, the Committee directed that answers be provided by the LAPD to questions b and c, as detailed above at the time this matter is considered by Council.

This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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