

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Narcotics Analysis Laboratory Trust Fund (NALTF) Expenditure Plan No. 16 - Overtime and Equipment Addendum.

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

1. APPROVE the NALTF Expenditure Plan No. 16 - Overtime and Equipment Addendum for \$270,500.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish appropriation accounts within Fund 863, Department 70, as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TBD	Casework Overtime	\$120,000
TBD	Equipment	150,500

3. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's 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. Approval of the NALTF Expenditure Plan No. 16 – Overtime and Equipment Addendum authorizes the LAPD to spend \$120,000 on casework overtime and \$150,500 for equipment in the Scientific Investigation Division from NALTF. This action complies with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated August 7, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD requests approval of an NALTF Expenditure Plan No. 16 - Overtime and Equipment Addendum. The NALTF Expenditure Plan No. 16, which provided a total of \$700,000 for training and equipment, was approved by the Mayor and Council in March 2013. The CAO reports that, subsequent to the approval of the Plan, the Board of Police Commissioners transmitted a supplemental request for additional NALTF No. 16 funding for overtime and equipment. As proposed by the LAPD, \$270,500 will be used to pay for casework overtime and the purchase of specialized equipment used by the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division to analyze narcotics evidence. The Los Angeles Administrative Code requires that the Mayor and Council approve an expenditure plan prior to disbursement of the funds.

According to the CAO, State law provides for the courts to collect a fee of \$50 at the time of a controlled-substance related conviction to reimburse law enforcement laboratories for costs incidental to analysis of controlled substances. The funds must be used to support the laboratories. Historically, the City has used these funds for training of LAPD staff and purchase of laboratory equipment. The City Attorney has determined that the NALTF can be used for "administrative costs" associated with the lab, which can be interpreted as salaries, including overtime, as long as there is sufficient tracking to show that the casework overtime funded by the NALTF was specifically related to the analysis of controlled substances.

On February 12, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the NALTF Expenditure Plan

Addendum. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held August 23, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve LAPD's request for the NALTF Expenditure Plan 16 Addendum, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	YES

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