



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

September 9, 2013

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: 2009 American Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG)
Grant Program Reallocation of Funds (Council File No. 09-0648-S5)

Dear Honorable Members,

On November 20, 2009, City Council approved the spending plan and authorities to accept the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (FY09 ARRA JAG) in the amount of \$30,514,178. On April 8, 2010, City Council approved the spending plan and authorities to allocate \$7,051,983.50 of that award to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) program for improvements to the City's existing public safety telecommunications sites. This is in accordance with the current Recovery Act JAG budget and MOU, in which the City and County have agreed to each contribute \$7,051,983.50 of their grant funds, for a total of \$14,103,967, to the LA-RICS program (Council File No. 09-0648-S5).

The original performance period end date for the grant was February 28, 2013, and an extension of the grant was approved by DOJ on May 26, 2011. The new end date is February 28, 2014, which was approved by Council on August 17, 2011 (Council File No. 09-0648-S5).

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to reallocate cost savings in the amount of \$1,467,176.23 from the Gang Reduction Youth Development (GRYD) Contractual Services, Mayor Reserve, Related Costs, and Mayor Operating Accounts towards the cost of upgrade and construction at the Verdugo Peak tower site.

Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS)

LA-RICS is a multi-jurisdictional wireless voice and data communications system designed to support all first responders in the Los Angeles region. The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) is a multi-jurisdictional communication and data system designed to provide seamless radio and data communications systems to the 85 Los Angeles County partner jurisdictions and UCLA.

LA-RICS is essential in maintaining basic public safety communications among all fire, police, emergency medical, and other public resources as well as supporting the region during a catastrophic event such as the anticipated major earthquake along the many faults in the region. This regional, multi-agency project will serve 81 municipalities, the County of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Unified School District. Our agencies currently use independent and incompatible voice and data systems that disrupt critical response operations and jeopardize the safety of responders. This capability gap will be addressed when LA-RICS combines these disparate systems into one regional system for over 34,000 emergency responders.

Verdugo Peak Project

The reallocated FY09 JAG ARRA funds will support the construction of an improved tower at the existing communication facility utilized by the City of Los Angeles at the Verdugo Peak telecommunications site (1658 Vista Drive, Glendale CA). This will support the expansion and capability of the microwave and radio communication systems of the City first responding agencies, as well as partner agencies.

Environmental and design work has been completed for the Verdugo Peak project, and it has received the necessary California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approvals. The remainder of the project will include structural design and tower fabrication, foundation support, cable tray system, antenna supports, and electrical work. It will also include the demolition and reinstallation of new fencing with gates, electrical grounding for the tower and the fence, improving the existing road to the construction site, and installation and erection of the tower and accompanying materials.

The project will be implemented with the assistance of a vendor who will be responsible for the fabrication, construction, installation, and related work (including erosion control, building improvements, transport, etc). The City of Los Angeles will provide Bureau of Engineering staff for project management, geotechnical and survey work, Contract Administration and ITA support. The Mayor's Office will provide grant oversight and administration.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2.2 million. The FY09 ARRA JAG funding will be supplemented by funds from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 2010 funds (Council File No. 10-1166).

IT IS THEREFORE requested that the City Council:

1. **APPROVE** the FY 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) budget and authorize the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the approved budget;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or his designee, to negotiate and execute Professional Services Agreements for services associated with project design / construction of the Verdugo Peak project for a period not to exceed the end date of the applicable grant period for a total not to exceed \$2,000,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, and subject to review by the City Administrative Officer for consistency with the grant budget and compliance with all City contracting policies and procedures;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:
 - a. **TRANSFER** funds from the Recovery Act JAG Fund 51V to reimburse grant related expenditures as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51V/46	46F215	GRYD Cont. Svcs	\$ 390.00
51V/46	46F246	Mayor Reserve	561,563.36
51V/46	46F299	Related Costs	791,305.38
51V/46	46G299	Related Costs	50,000.00
51V/46	46G846	Mayor Operating	<u>63,917.49</u>
Total:			\$1,467,176.23

TRANSFER TO:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51V/46	46G304	Contractual	\$1,287,433.51
51V/46	46K146	Mayor	129,927.42
51V/46	46K299	Related Cost	<u>49,815.30</u>
Total:			\$1,467,176.23

- b. **Transfer** appropriations from the Recovery Act JAG Fund 51V to reimburse grant related expenditures as follows:

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<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51V/46	46K146	Mayor	\$129,927.42

TRANSFER TO:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/46	001020	Grant Reimb. Salaries	\$129,927.42

- c. **EXPEND** funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Office of the Mayor; and
- d. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to transfer up to \$49,815.30 from Recovery Act JAG 51V, Account 46K299 to the General Fund 100, Department 46, Revenue Source 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and authorize the Controller to implement said instructions.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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