



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

October 18, 2017

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Request for Authority to Accept a 12 Month No-Cost Extension of the 2015 Supplemental Proyecto Palabra "Word Of Honor" Grant in the Amount of \$682,000 to September 30, 2018 and to Modify Project Fund Allocations and Contracting Authorities Relative to the Grant (Council File No. 13-0136)

Dear Honorable Members:

In March 2013, the Los Angeles City Council authorized the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development ("GRYD") to accept the FY 2012 Community Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program for the Proyecto Palabra "Word of Honor" Project Grant ("Proyecto Palabra Grant") in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention ("OJJDP") for an initial three-year performance period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2015. (Council File No. 13-0136). On September 2, 2015, the grant was extended one year through September 30, 2016 (Council File No. 13-0136).

On September 25, 2015, OJJDP awarded the Mayor's Office a FY 2015 Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$682,000, which had a two-year performance period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017 ("2015 Supplemental Grant"), but which also allowed for the continuation of spending on the Proyecto Palabra Grant. On July 21, 2017, OJJDP extended the 2015 Supplemental Grant for one additional year, to September 30, 2018 (Attachment 1). The Mayor's Office hereby requests authority to accept this extension and to modify the project budget and contracting authorities as set forth below.

## **I. Background**

The purpose of this OJJDP funding is to support federal, state, and local partnerships that replicate proven multi-disciplinary, community-based strategies to reduce violence. Successful applicant proposals were responsive to a significant crime and violence problem affecting youth, and demonstrated a jurisdiction's capacity to implement its comprehensive, evidence-based, community-based violence prevention strategy, with an intervention strategy targeting high-risk activities and behaviors of a small number of community members who are likely to be involved in violent activities, specifically gang and gun violence. The GRYD Office was successful in meeting these requirements and in proposing interventions based on the GRYD Strategy and Model of Practice that support capacity building within specific communities and facilitate partner agency efforts to exercise formal and informal social controls that measurably influence community-based violence.

The original Proyecto Palabra Grant and the 2015 Supplemental Grant have been used to reduce violence in Los Angeles communities through an innovative initiative that focuses on two of the City's most active gangs – MS-13 and 18<sup>th</sup> Street. As part of the GRYD Comprehensive Strategy, which is based on the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model, the GRYD Office created a specially trained “gang specific” intervention team (Proyecto Palabra Team) with “palabra” (ability to exert influence) among the MS-13 and 18<sup>th</sup> Street relational networks. This specially trained team coordinated by the GRYD Office uses community intervention workers (“CIWs”) to provide gang intervention services in the Proyecto Palabra GRYD Areas. In addition, this project increases the community's awareness of the adverse effect of trauma and gang related violence. Proyecto Palabra focuses on GRYD Areas throughout Los Angeles rather than just one GRYD Zone.

Under these grants, two intervention agencies, Communities in Schools (“CIS”) and Soledad Enrichment Action (“SEA”), have provided programs in three areas affected by 18<sup>th</sup> Street and MS-13 gangs. CIS and SEA were selected to provide intervention services in their respective GRYD Zones through a formal procurement process in 2015. The agencies provide full time specialized CIWs that work directly to engage community residents, monitor conflicts between individuals and gangs, and provide proactive peacekeeping to intervene in crisis situations and prevent outbursts of violence. The CIWs also provide support to youth and their families to educate them about alternatives to their current lifestyles and connect clients to resources and services.

## II. Program Modifications

In a previous report, dated April 21, 2016, the Mayor's Office indicated that the extension to the 2015 Supplemental Grant was pending Grantor approval and that upon approval, the Mayor's Office would return to Council to accept the additional time and request the reallocation of the balance of the 2015 Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$223,499.96. Since that time, an additional \$50,542.31 in cost savings have been identified resulting in a total amount for reallocation of \$274,042.27. Based on this extension, the Mayor's Office now seeks to extend its contracts with SEA and CIS to continue intervention services for a period of one year to September 30, 2018, and to reallocate the balance in the following manner: the SEA contract will be increased by \$203,557.24 and the CIS contract will be increased by \$70,485.03. These budget modifications are pending Grantor approval.

The GYRD Office also initially planned to fund one faith based organization to develop and support a clergy council to engage with the Los Angeles Police Department and other partners to improve community health. The GRYD Office has since determined that these functions should be carried out by SEA and CIS through a subcontract or their own staff members. The increased contractual amounts noted above, account for these additional services.

In addition to funding the intervention agencies, the GRYD Office was allocated \$235,000 in the 2015 Supplemental Grant for salaries, fringe benefits, travel costs and supplies. Now that the extension has been approved, the Mayor's Office requests budget modifications to these cost categories, as noted in the fiscal recommendations below.

## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively accept the extension of the FY 2015 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program for the Proyecto Palabra, "Word of Honor" Project Supplemental Award for 12 months, from September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2018;
  - b. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Communities in Schools to provide gang intervention services in support of the Proyecto Palabra project for an additional 12 months through September 30, 2018, to increase their total contract amount by \$70,485.03, from the

previous authorized amount of \$51,166.65 to \$121,651.68, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form; and

- c. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc. to provide gang intervention services in support of the Proyecto Palabra project for an additional 12 months through September 30, 2018, to increase their total contract amount by \$203,557.24, from the previous authorized amount of \$144,333.30 to \$347,890.54 subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form.

2. Authorize Controller to:

- a. Re-appropriate and transfer \$12,444.68 from various accounts within the 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program Grant Fund 55K/46 to support Proyecto Palabra, Word of Honor Project activities under the no-cost extension as follows:

FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
55K/46	46P299	Related Costs	\$ 5,608.00
55K/46	46J213	Travel	<u>\$ 6,836.68</u>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$12,444.68</b>

TO:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
55K/46	46J601	Supplies	\$ 4,590.68
55K/46	46J304	Contractual Services	<u>\$ 7,854.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$12,444.68</b>

- b. Re-appropriate and transfer \$28,933.30 from various accounts within the 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program Grant Fund 55K/46 to support Proyecto Palabra, Word of Honor Project activities under the supplemental extension as follows:

FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
55K/46	46J601	Supplies	\$ 6,390.99
55K/46	46J304	Contractual Services	<u>\$22,542.31</u>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$28,933.30</b>

TO:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
55K/46	46N601	Supplies	\$ 6,390.99
55K/46	46N304	Contractual Services	<u>\$22,542.31</u>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$28,933.30</b>

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3. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare any Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment 1: Grant Extension



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OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

**GRANT ADJUSTMENT NOTICE**

**Grantee Information**

<b>Grantee Name:</b>	City of Los Angeles	<b>Project Period:</b>	10/01/2012 - 09/30/2018	<b>GAN Number:</b>	014
<b>Grantee Address:</b>	200 N. SPRING ST SW MEZZANINE RM M175 LOS ANGELES, 90012	<b>Program Office:</b>	OJJDP	<b>Date:</b>	07/21/2017
<b>Grantee DUNS Number:</b>	06-992-8349	<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Ricco Hall		
<b>Grantee EIN:</b>	95-6000735	<b>Application Number(s):</b>	2012-50652-CA-PB 2015-50998-CA-PB		
<b>Vendor #:</b>	956000735	<b>Award Number:</b>	2012-PB-FX-K003		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Proyecto Palabra - "Word of Honor" Project	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$2,182,000.00		

**Change Project Period**

<b>Current Grant Period:</b>	Month: 59 Day: 29	<b>New Grant Period:</b>	Month: 71 Day: 29
<b>Project Start Date:</b>	10/01/2012	<b>*New Project Start Date:</b>	10/01/2012
<b>Project End Date:</b>	09/30/2017	<b>*New Project End Date:</b>	09/30/2018

**\*Required Justification for Change Project Period:**

The City of Los Angeles has submitted a 1-year no-cost extension request for the Community Based Violence project. The required justification is attached which outlines the specific activities that the grantee will

**Attachments:**

Filename:	User:	Timestamp:
Los Angeles Award #2012-PB-FX-K003 GAN Budget Mod GRYD Proyecto Palabra 061617.pdf	hallri	07/12/2017 11:09 AM
Los Angeles Award 2012-PB-FX-K003 GAN Project Period No Cost Ext. 06_16_17.pdf	hallri	07/12/2017 11:07 AM

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Submitted	PO - GAN 1st Line Supervisor	hallri	07/12/2017 11:10 AM
Draft	PO - Grant Manager	hallri	07/12/2017 11:07 AM