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To: The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer *MAS*

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated April 8, 2015

Subject: **2012 FORENSIC DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT MODIFICATION (FISCAL YEAR 2014-15)**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests approval to modify funding amounts within the 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program grant provided by the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The total approved funding amount of \$1,447,163 will remain the same, and the modification has been approved by the NIJ.

BACKGROUND

The City Council approved the LAPD's acceptance of the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant from the NIJ on October 10, 2012 (C.F. 11-1909-S1). The grant amount was \$1,447,163 for a period between October 1, 2012 and March 31, 2014.

The major objective of the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program (Program) is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) by up to 340 cases. The original grant authorized the LAPD to reduce this backlog using a combination of employee overtime, training, new technology equipment and contract laboratory services.

On June 10, 2014, the Council approved a six-month, no-cost extension of the Program term to September 30, 2014 and modification of the Program to reallocate \$589,403 in funds to renovate the workspace for the Scientific Investigation Division (SID) and SDU at the City's Piper Technical Center (PTC) facility (C.F. 14-0457). Funding was also reallocated to provide increased overtime for SDU staff to process more cases and validate equipment. In exchange, funding for contract laboratory services, training, travel and equipment purchases was reduced.

On December 2, 2014, the Council approved an additional no-cost extension of the Program term to March 31, 2015 and modification of the Program to reallocate an additional \$368,397 to complete the renovations of the DNA laboratory at the PTC facility and bring the workspace into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The laboratory renovations have now been completed, with identified savings of \$41,786. Additionally, the forensic case backlog reduction target for the Program has been met, with \$22,112 in contractual lab services savings and \$7,597 in personnel cost savings identified. The Program is now in the final completion, adjustment, and reimbursement stages. The newly requested changes to the Program are to reprogram these savings towards valuable training opportunities, which also require accommodation for travel expenses. Adjustment of the approved funding will allow the LAPD to request reimbursement for this training.

The following chart shows the progression of the changes:

Category	Original Funding	Currently Approved	New Request	Change from Current
Personnel/ Civilian Overtime	\$ 247,641	\$ 415,863	\$ 408,266	\$ (7,597)
Travel	63,640	0	49,418	49,418
Equipment	420,967	0	0	0
Contractual/ Lab Services	450,000	73,500	51,388	(22,112)
Contractual/ Lab Renovation	0	957,800	916,014	(41,786)
Other/ Training, Software	221,500	0	22,077	22,077
Indirect Costs / Dept. Admin.	43,415	0	0	0
Total	\$ 1,447,163	\$ 1,447,163	\$ 1,447,163	\$ --

The reprogramming requests movement of \$71,495 in funds, but the net change is \$0 and the total Program will remain at \$1,447,163. The NIJ has approved these new changes and will continue to reimburse the City for expenses related to the Program that occurred prior to the Program end date of March 31, 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to reprogram funds totaling \$71,495 within the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice; and,
2. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program costs are reimbursable. Approval of the recommendations in this report will result in no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time purposes.