

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$312,000 grant award for the 2015-16 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Grant (RFPG) Program from the County of Los Angeles Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund Committee for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2015-16 RFPG in the amount of \$312,000 from the County of Los Angeles Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund Committee for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
  - b. Execute the RFPG 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 LAPD to:
  - a. Submit RFPG reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the LAPD Grant Trust Fund No. 339/70.
  - b. Spend the RFPG funds up to the grant amount of \$312,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
  
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$312,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339/70 for the receipt and disbursement of RFPG grant funds.
  - b. Transfer appropriations within Fund 339/70 as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 70XXXX 2015-16 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	\$101,655
To: 70XXXX Police Related Costs	\$101,655

- c. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 339/70 70XXXX 2015-16 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	\$202,270
To: 100/70 001012 Sworn Salaries	\$160,516
001092 Sworn Overtime	41,754

4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller 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 approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2015-16 RFPG award totaling \$312,000. The grant will provide 100 percent of the salary and fringe benefits costs of one Detective III position and 30 percent of one Detective II position, overtime funding for sworn personnel, and other expenses. No matching funds are required for this grant. All other sworn salary and fringe benefits costs supporting this grant are already included in the 2015-16 Adopted Budget and do not represent any additional General Fund impact.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on October 20, 2015, your Public Safety Committee considered a CAO report relative to Board of Police Commissioners and City Administrative Officer reports relative to the retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$312,000 grant award for the 2015-16 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Grant Program from the County of Los Angeles Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund Committee for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The CAO reports that this is the sixteenth year of funding for this Program. The Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund (Trust Fund) is funded by a filing fee for real estate documents recorded in the County, as provided by the California Government Code Section 27388, The Trust Fund supports the efforts of local law enforcement and prosecuting agencies to investigate and prosecute real estate fraud. The County evaluates applications for funds and provides grant awards to selected jurisdictions. The level of annual funding provided by the fee is dependent upon the number of document titles filed within the County of Los Angeles. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
ME	

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