

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Commercial Crimes Division Real Estate Fraud Unit.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept the FY 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant award in the amount of \$555,000 from the County of Los Angeles, for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
  - b. Execute an Award Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
  - a. Use the FY 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution grant funds in accordance with the FY 2014-2015 Grant Acceptance, to fund programs which deter, investigate, and prosecute real estate fraud for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
  - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339/70.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Set up the grant receivable of \$555,000 and establish an appropriation account to be determined in Fund No. 339/70, for the disbursement of the FY 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant funds.
  - b. Transfer appropriation within Fund No. 339/70, for the related costs, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	To be determined Appropriation Account	\$183,188

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To:	To be determined Related Costs	\$183,188

- c. Increase appropriations as needed from Fund No. 339/70, FY 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution grant appropriation, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, account numbers and amounts, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001012	Sworn Salaries	\$333,009
001092	Sworn Overtime	30,078

4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare the 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: None submitted by the LAPD. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated July 11, 2014 (attached to the Council file), LAPD requests authority to accept the FY 2014-15 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant award in the amount of \$555,000 from the County of Los Angeles. LAPD reports that its Real Estate Fraud Unit handles all white-collar real estate crimes within the City of Los Angeles. In calendar year 2013, the Real Estate Fraud Unit opened 130 new cases and made 21 arrests. According to the LAPD, grant funds will be used for sworn salary and overtime, travel, training, cellular phones, equipment, title/document search services, office supplies, and miscellaneous expenses. At its meeting held July 15, 2014, the Board approved LAPD's request.

At its meeting held August 8, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept this grant, and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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