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To: The Council

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Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated August 18, 2014

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT AWARD**

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety (Mayor's Office) requests authority to accept a grant award of \$106,295 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to implement the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program and adopt the governing body resolution that addresses the City's approval relative to the JABG Program. The grant is for a one-year program period effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and will be utilized to support the Rampart and 77th Division Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) sites. Grantor guidelines require that a minimum of 10 percent of the total program costs (\$11,811) be provided as a local cash match.

BACKGROUND

The JABG is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. JABG funds are allocated to states in the form of block grants, which in turn are provided to local jurisdictions to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The City has received JABG funds since 2000 and has customarily used the award for gang prevention efforts. Since 2007, JABG funds have been used for the CLEAR program, whose primary purpose is to facilitate the recovery of gang-infested communities through the collaborative efforts of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles City Attorney, the Los Angeles County Probation Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

The 2014-15 JABG program budget for the City of Los Angeles is \$118,106, including the grant award of \$106,295 and the required 10 percent local cash match minimum of \$11,811. \$102,856 of the grant funding will go towards providing City Attorney support for the CLEAR program, specifically partial salary funding for two existing Deputy City Attorney IIIs. The remaining cost for these two positions is provided in the City Attorney's 2014-15 General Fund budget. The City Attorney's role in the CLEAR program includes oversight of the City's gang injunctions and prosecution of gang, gun and graffiti crimes and injunction violations.

Additional funding to meet the local cash match requirement is provided in the 2014-15 Budget by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), which provides funding for sworn LAPD personnel staffing the CLEAR program. \$1.5 million is provided in 2014-15 for 18 CLEAR positions. SLESF funds are provided from the State of California to counties and cities for the direct support of front-line law enforcement services.

\$250 from the grant is set aside for the two Deputy City Attorneys to attend the 2015 JABG Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Regional Training offered by the BSCC.

The JABG grant also allows up to five percent of award funds to go towards administration costs. \$3,189, or three percent, of the 2014-15 award funds will go to the Mayor's Office to support the salaries and benefits of two Mayoral Aides who will administer the grant and work with the CLEAR Executive Committee, the grant local advisory board, to implement the program.

The 2014-15 JABG Program Budget is as follows:

Budget Line Items	JABG Award	Cash Match	Total
City Attorney/LAPD Salaries	\$ 102,856	\$ 11,811	\$ 114,667
City Attorney Training	250		250
Administrative Costs	3,189		3,189
Total	\$ 106,295	\$ 11,811	\$ 118,106

The grant was issued by the State on April 17, 2014 with an application deadline of June 1, 2014. Because the application period was less than 61 days, Mayor and Council approval was not required prior to submitting the grant application (Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6[b]).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor's Office to accept the 2014-15 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) award of \$106,295 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections and to negotiate, execute and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Adopt the accompanying governing body resolution, as requested by the grantor and subject to the approval of the City Attorney, which endorses the grant agreement and provides that the City agrees to comply with the program and funding requirements of the grant and will approve all matching funds for this grant;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Create a new interest-bearing Fund, titled FY15 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Fund, establish a receivable in this new Fund in the amount of \$106,295 and establish

appropriation accounts within the new Fund XXX, Department 46 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46L146	Mayor's Salaries	\$ 2,201
46L299	Related Costs	988
46L112	City Attorney Salaries – CLEAR	102,856
46L213	City Attorney Training – CLEAR	250
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		\$ 106,295

- b. Transfer \$2,201 from Fund XXX/46, Account No. 46L146 Mayor's Salaries, to the Mayor's Office Fund 100/46, Account No. 1020 Salaries Reimbursed, to reimburse the General Fund for JABG-related salary expenditures;
 - c. Transfer \$988 from Fund XXX/46, Account No. 46L299 Related Costs, to the Mayor's Office Fund 100/46, Revenue Source No. 4681, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;
 - d. Transfer up to \$102,856 from Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46L112 City Attorney Salaries – CLEAR, to the City Attorney Fund 100/12, Account No. 001010 Salaries General, to fund City Attorney positions for the JABG program upon presentation of proper documentation from the City Attorney and approval from the Mayor's Office; and,
4. Authorize the Mayor's Office to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of the 2014-15 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant award in the amount of \$106,295 will provide support, including salary funding, for the Rampart and 77th Division CLEAR sites. A required local cash match minimum of \$11,811 is provided by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund in the 2014-15 Budget for the Los Angeles Police Department. There is no additional impact to the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant and the recommendations within this report is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds and grant receipts are sufficient to support the costs of the program.