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October 7, 2014

BPC #14-0359

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD ACCEPTANCE
FUNDED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) 2014 COVERDELL
FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 7, 2014, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 3, 2014
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD
ACCEPTANCE FUNDED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)
2014 COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application and award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to ACCEPT the grant award of \$168,980 from the DOJ funded under the 2014 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program for the period of October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to execute the grant agreement for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up the grant receivable in Fund No. 339 in the amount of \$168,980 and establish an appropriation account to be determined within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the disbursements of 2014 Coverdell grant funds;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to spend up to the total grant amount of \$168,980 in accordance with the grant award agreement;

- F. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations as needed from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, appropriation account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001010, Salaries Civilian,	\$14,258
Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn,	\$31,356
Account No. 001090, Overtime Civilian,	\$117,078

- G. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriation within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the related costs:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Appropriation Account Number to be determined	\$6,288

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Related Costs	\$6,288

- H. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare the Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

DISCUSSION

Under the 2014 Coverdell Grants Program, the LAPD was awarded \$168,980 by the DOJ to validate and implement the BULLETTRAX system. The BULLETTRAX system is a new ballistic identification technology that captures high-resolution images and topographic information from fired bullets at the nanometer level. This grant will be used by Scientific Investigation Division to fund salary and overtime for the period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Grant funds will be used to fund overtime to prevent a significant increase in the Firearms Analysis Unit (FAU) casework backlog due to the reassignment of FAU personnel to launch the BULLETTRAX system and database. Once the BULLETTRAX system is fully implemented, grant funds will also provide overtime funding to enter bullet evidence from approximately 234 crimes and 1,200 test-fired samples from confiscated revolvers into the BULLETTRAX database.

Use of the BULLETRAX system will significantly speed up the analysis of bullet evidence. The FAU currently spends more than 3,000 staff hours per year on bullet microscopy and BULLETRAX has the potential to reduce that by fifty-percent or more. The BULLETRAX system will provide the LAPD and our law enforcement partners in other Southern California agencies with the ability to develop a ballistic database that will quickly and efficiently compare the characteristics of bullets entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network system.

The grant award budget includes \$20,546 for civilian salary, \$117,078 for civilian overtime, and \$31,356 for sworn overtime.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Information Officer Maggie Goodrich, Information Technology Bureau, at (213) 486-0370.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *October 7, 2014*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments