

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2014-2015 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:

- a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2014-15 ICAC grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- b. Negotiate and execute the 2014-15 ICAC Grant Agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
- c. Negotiate and execute new or amended agreements with affiliated ICAC Task Force agencies, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:

- a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$100,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grants Trust Fund No. 339/70.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339/70, in the amount of \$100,000 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2014-15 ICAC CalOES grant award.
- b. Transfer appropriations for the 2014-15 ICAC Program on an as-needed basis, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 339/70	To be determined	2014 Internet Crimes Against Children	\$95,867

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100/70	001012	Sworn Salaries	\$56,940
100/70	001092	Sworn Overtime	<u>38,927</u>

Total: \$95,867

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 this action will not impact the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant is in compliance with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: No

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 25, 2015, the CAO states that LAPD seeks retroactive approval to apply for and accept the 2014-2015 ICAC Program grant award from the CalOES. According to the CAO, the primary purpose of the ICAC Program is to ensure law enforcement agencies are equipped to quickly respond to, investigate, and prosecute incidents involving the exploitation of children and juveniles through the use of the Internet. To meet these objectives, ICAC funds may be used to enhance investigation of offenders; deliver educational outreach programs; prosecute offenders in federal, state, or local courts; allow for LAPD to serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies within the service area; and, support participation in nationally coordinated investigations.

The CAO reports that the Los Angeles ICAC Task Force is comprised of a network of 61 law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that work in concert to prevent, investigate, and prosecute computer-facilitated crimes against children, particularly the exchange of child pornography and online solicitation for sexual purposes. The increasingly widespread proliferation, sophistication, and accessibility of computers and technology-related communication devices put children and youth increasingly at risk for online victimization, including unwanted exposure to sexual materials, sexual solicitations, or online harassment.

The CAO goes on to report that the Los Angeles ICAC Task Force is funded through a combination of State grant funds, Federal Department of Justice grant funds, and various local funds from the 61 involved agencies. The LAPD ICAC Unit is staffed by 15 officers and one civilian. The ICAC grant award will be used to fund 50 percent of the salary of one Detective II, sworn overtime, and various operating expenses.

On December 9, 2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request to accept the ICAC grant award. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve LAPD's request, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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