

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and related contract amendments.

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 DNA Capacity Enhancement and DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount of \$1,143,819 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016.
- b. Negotiate and execute the Grant Award 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 an amendment to Contract No. C-121595, between the City of Los Angeles and The Bode Technology Group, Inc., extending the contract term to September 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
- d. Execute an amendment to Contract No. C-122276, between the City of Los Angeles and Cellmark Forensics, Inc., extending the term of the contract to September 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:

- a. Spend up to \$1,143,819 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339/70.

3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Increase the grant receivable in Fund No. 339 in the amount of \$1,143,819 and establish an appropriations account, number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for disbursement of the FY 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award.
- b. Increase appropriations for the FY 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and DNA Backlog Reduction Program as needed from appropriations account, number to be determined, in Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No. 100/70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001090 Civilian Overtime	\$381,412

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. Not matching funds are required for the grant.

Community Impact Statement: No

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 24, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAPD seeks retroactive authority to apply for and accept the 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award. According to the CAO, this grant program provides funding to state and local units of government with existing crime laboratories to increase the capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples and thereby reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis. Funding from this grant will allow the LAPD to analyze at least 266 additional cases during the grant period and increase laboratory capacity to meet existing and future demand for DNA screening and testing.

The CAO reports that grant funds will be used for staff overtime to process backlogged DNA cases; the purchase and deployment of GeneMapper ID-X, STRmix, and TempGenius software used in the analysis of DNA; the purchase and installation of two ABI 3130 genetic analyzers; four high-performance desktop computers to run the STRmix software; a high-density filing system for five file storage rooms; forty 27-inch monitors and graphics cards for DNA analysis data processing; and, expenses for travel and registration for continuing education of DNA analysts. The proposed amendments extending the contract terms with The Bode Technology Group, Inc., and Cellmark Forensics, Inc., are needed to ensure their forensic laboratory services are available throughout the grant period.

On January 6, 2015, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's requests relative to this matter. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve LAPD's requests to accept the grant and amend the terms of the contracts discussed above, 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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