

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., Interim City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated March 10, 2017; referred for report March 13, 2017

Subject: **FY 2014 GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM - CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor or his designee, to:
 - a. Modify the existing grant budget (C.F. 15-0245) for the FY14 Arrest Policies grant by reallocating funds between projects as described within this report;
 - b. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Jewish Family Service for DART services to decrease its total contract amount by \$97,273.74 from \$200,000 to \$102,726.26, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a Professional Services Agreement with Strength United for DART services in the amount of \$66,666.67 for a term within the applicable grant performance period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - d. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Strength United for SART services to increase its total contract amount by \$15,303.53 from \$75,000 to \$90,303.53, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - e. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment to the professional Services Agreement with Peace Over Violence for SART services to increase its total contract amount by \$15,303.54 from \$75,000 to \$90,303.54, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,

2. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety accepted a grant award on May 20, 2015 totaling \$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for the Fiscal Year 2014 Office on Violence Against Women Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (FY14 Arrest Policies). The grant is for a three-year term from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. There is no matching requirement for this grant. The grant is utilized to fund the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs.

DART services can include case management, advocacy, transportation, needs assessment, counseling, crisis intervention, medical and emergency room advocacy, parenting classes, support groups, referrals to shelters, legal services, self-defense classes, and assistance in obtaining restraining orders.

The Jewish Family Services was originally allocated \$200,000 to provide DART services in the Los Angeles Police Department's North Hollywood Division. However, Jewish Family Services is unable to continue services to this Division, resulting in cost savings in the amount of \$97,273.74. The Mayor's Office requests the necessary budget modifications to execute a DART contract amendment with Jewish Family Services and to execute a DART contract with Strength United, a San Fernando Valley based agency, in the amount of \$66,666.67 to continue services in North Hollywood. The remaining balance of \$30,607.07 will be allocated to the SART Program.

The SART program is a dedicated sexual assault response service provider that is available citywide 24 hours/7 days a week to provide crisis intervention, medical and emergency room accompaniment, counseling, follow-up calls and outreach and accompaniment services to court and social service agencies as necessary.

Strength United and Peace Over Violence were originally allocated \$75,000 each. The additional cost savings of \$30,607.07 will be divided equally between these two agencies to augment their current services. Strength United will receive an additional allocation of \$15,303.53 for a total SART allocation of \$90,303.53. Peace Over Violence will receive an additional allocation of \$15,303.54 for a total SART allocation of \$90,303.54.

The Mayor's Office is requesting authority to implement the necessary budget modifications, as noted above, and to execute SART contract amendments with Strength United and Peace Over Violence. These modifications are pending grantor approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. Modifying the existing grant budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program award will continue to provide funding for the Domestic Abuse Response Team and Sexual Assault Response Team programs. The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funds will be used for one-time expenditures.

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