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To: The Mayor
The Council

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Subject: **2014 GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM AWARD**

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety requests authority to accept a grant award 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 to September 30, 2017. There is no matching requirement for this grant. The grant will be utilized to fund the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs. The budget for the FY14 Arrest Policies grant is as follows:

Cost Category	Amount
Contractual Services – Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART)	\$620,000
Contractual Services – Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)	\$225,000
Travel	\$5,000
Grant Administration – Mayor's Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$900,000

A total of \$620,000 in FY14 Arrest Policies grant funds will be provided to six non-profit advocacy groups for the DART program. DARTs pair victim advocates from non-profit advocacy agencies with Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Major Assault Crime (MAC) Officers and Detectives to respond to the scene of a domestic violence incident to provide intervention services. The services provided by DARTs 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 City currently has ten DARTs assigned to ten LAPD divisions (Northeast, Hollenbeck, 77th, Newton, Southwest, Southeast, Van Nuys, Rampart, North Hollywood, and Harbor divisions). The FY14 Arrest Policies grant will provide funding to the following DART providers:

Agency Name	LAPD Divisions	Amount
Peace Over Violence	Northeast, Hollenbeck	\$55,000
Project Peacemakers	77 th , Newton, Southwest, Southeast	\$110,000
Domestic Abuse Center	Van Nuys	\$27,500
Children's Institute	Rampart	\$27,500
Jewish Family Services	North Hollywood	\$200,000
Rainbow Services	Harbor	\$200,000
TOTAL		\$620,000

A total of \$225,000 in FY14 Arrest Policies grant funds will be provided to three agencies for the expansion of the SART program. SART is survivor sensitive program designed as a team approach to respond to sexual assaults in the City. A SART includes a law enforcement officer to conduct an investigation and provides emergency assistance in connection with sexual assaults, a counselor-advocate to provide emotional support, referrals, and information to help the survivor, and support for the victim's family and friends where appropriate.

Funding will be provided to the following agencies as follows:

Agency Name	Amount
Strength United	\$75,000
Peace Over Violence	\$75,000
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$225,000

As required by the grantor, \$5,000 of the FY 14 Arrest Policies grant is allocated to cover the cost of City staff to attend grant-related conferences and trainings in accordance with the program guidelines.

Moreover, the FY14 Arrest Policies grant provides \$50,000, to support personnel in the Mayor's Office who administer the grant. The \$50,000 allocation will provide \$34,517 for salaries and \$15,483 for fringe benefits of two positions in the Mayor's Office (one grant specialist and one accountant). \$8,629 will be allocated for salary expenditures for the current year and \$25,888 will be reserved for expenditures for future fiscal years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to:
 - a. Accept on behalf of the City, the Fiscal Year 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (FY14 Arrest Policies) in the amount of \$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, for a performance period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017;
 - b. Execute the Grant Award agreement and authorize the Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Execute, on behalf of the City, Professional Services Agreements between the City of Los Angeles and community-based organizations for the programs listed below for a term of up to 36 months within the applicable grant performance period, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$845,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, as follows:

Agency Name	Work to be Performed	Amount
Strength United	SART	\$75,000
Peace Over Violence	SART	\$75,000
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	SART	\$75,000
Peace Over Violence	DART - Northeast, Hollenbeck	\$55,000
Project Peacemakers	DART - 77 th , Newton, Southwest, Southeast	\$110,000
Domestic Abuse Center	DART - Van Nuys	\$27,500
Children’s Institute	DART - Rampart	\$27,500
Jewish Family Services	DART - North Hollywood	\$200,000
Rainbow Services	DART - Harbor	\$200,000
TOTAL		\$845,000

2. Approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program budget and authorize the Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the grantor approved budget;

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a new interest-bearing Fund entitled, "FY14 Arrest Policies Grant," create a receivable in the Fund in the amount of \$900,000, and create new appropriation accounts within the new Fund, Department 46, as follows:

Account Number	Account Title	Amount
46L146	Mayor	\$8,629
46L246	Mayor's Reserve	\$25,888
46L213	Travel	\$5,000
46L299	Reimbursement of General Fund costs	\$15,483
46L304	Contractual Services	\$845,000
TOTAL		\$900,000

- b. Expend funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Office of the Mayor;

4. Instruct the Controller to transfer up to \$8,629 from Fund XXX, Account 46L146 to Fund 100, Department 46, Account 001020, for reimbursement of grant-funded personnel salaries in the Mayor's Office;
5. Instruct the Controller to transfer up to \$15,483 from Fund XXX, Account 46L299 to Fund 100, Department 46, Revenue Source 5346 for reimbursement of fringe benefits of grant-funded personnel in the Mayor's Office; and,
6. Authorize the Mayor, or his 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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program award in the amount of \$900,000 will provide funding for the Domestic Abuse Response Team and Sexual Assault Response Team programs. Acceptance of the grant and 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.