

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 September 1, 2017; referred for report September 1, 2017

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 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 Project Peacemakers, Inc. for Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) services to decrease its total contract amount by \$33,333.33 from \$110,000 to \$76,666.67, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Peace Over Violence for DART services to increase its total contract amount by \$45,000 from \$55,000 to \$100,000, 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 Peace Over Violence for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) services to increase its total contract amount by \$55,000 from \$90,303.54 to \$145,303.54, 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 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.

Project Peacemakers, Inc. (PPMI) was originally allocated \$110,000 to provide DART services in the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Newton, Southwest, Southeast, and 77th Divisions. However, PPMI has identified cost savings in the amount of \$33,333.33. In a previous report, the Mayor's Office requested authority 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 the LAPD North Hollywood Division. Due to the time constraints with the grant performance period, Strength United is no longer able to accept this allocation. As a result, the contract was not executed. Therefore, authority is now being requested to reallocate these cost savings to Peace Over Violence for DART and SART services.

The Mayor's Office is requesting authority to implement the necessary budget modifications, as noted above, and to execute a DART contract amendment with PPMI, and execute a DART and SART contract amendment with 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.