



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

February 26, 2015

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Request for Authority to Accept Grant Award for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Fiscal Year 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

Dear Honorable Members:

On February 19, 2014 the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety submitted a grant application to 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). On September 17, 2014, OVW notified the Mayor's Office of a grant award in the amount of \$900,000 for a performance period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017.

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to accept and expend the grant award in accordance with the approved budget.

### **Background**

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security was awarded Arrest Policies funding in September 2009, 2012, and 2014 for a total of \$2,800,000. As detailed in previous acceptance transmittals, this grant is designed to address issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. It encourages collaborative programs that result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. There is no general fund match requirement for this grant.

The grant provides for the following personnel, contractual services, supplies, and travel:

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contractual Services- Domestic Abuse Response Team	\$ 620,000
Contractual Services- Sexual Assault Response Team	\$ 225,000
Travel	\$ 5,000
Grant Administration – Mayor Salaries and Fringe benefits	\$ 50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 900,000</b>

Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART)

The FY14 Arrest Policies grant aims to achieve sustainability in the 10 DART sites to reduce Domestic Violence (DV) and gang crime; develop stronger partnerships with community-based DV service providers at the DART locations; and enhance LAPD patrol officer DV training to include identifying sexual assault and learning how to address the nexus of gang violence and DV. The participating agencies are the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and six non-profit service providers (Children’s Institute, Domestic Abuse Center, Jewish Family Service, Peace Over Violence, Project: Peacemakers, and Rainbow Services). The grant application is attached (Attachment A).

A total of \$620,000 will be utilized for the Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART). Services provided 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 FY14 Arrest Policies Grant will provide \$620,000 in funding for the following DART providers:

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>LAPD Division(s)</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
Peace Over Violence	Northeast and Hollenbeck	\$ 55,000
Project: Peacemakers	77 <sup>th</sup> , Newton, Southwest & Southeast	\$ 110,000
Domestic Abuse Center	Van Nuys	\$ 27,500
Children’s Institute	Rampart	\$ 27,500
Jewish Family Service	North Hollywood	\$ 200,000
Rainbow Services	Harbor	\$ 200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 620,000</b>

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was previously piloted through the FY12 Arrest Policies grant. Under the FY14 Arrest Policies grant, Los Angeles proposes to expand SART services citywide as part of the Sexual Assault Team Enhancement and Expansion Project. Under SARTEE, a dedicated sexual assault response service provider will be 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.

The agencies selected for the citywide expansion of SART are Strength United, Peace Over Violence, and the Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) with funding allocations provided as follows:

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
Strength United	\$ 75,000
Peace Over Violence	\$ 75,000
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>

Travel and Grant Administration

A total of \$5,000 has been budgeted for travel to conferences and trainings associated with the grant. All partners on the grant are allowed to utilize this travel money to attend pertinent and relevant trainings during the grant period.

The grant will provide \$50,000 in support of the administrative and project management costs associated with this grant. A total of \$34,517 is budgeted for salaries and \$15,483 is budgeted for the fringe benefits of one grant specialist and one accountant responsible for coordinating the grant-funded program, administering all contracts, overseeing the implementation of grant-funded programs, reporting to the grantor, and all accounting and auditing responsibilities.

It is therefore requested that the City 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;
- c. **Execute** on behalf of the City, Professional Services Agreements, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for the distribution of the FY14 Arrest Policies grant funds for a term within the applicable grant performance period for a cumulative total not to exceed \$845,000 for DART/SART services, as follows:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
46L304	Contractual Services:	
	Strength United	\$ 75,000
	Center for the Pacific Asian Family	\$ 75,000
	Peace Over Violence (SART)	\$ 75,000
	Children's Institute	\$ 27,500
	Domestic Abuse Center	\$ 27,500
	Peace Over Violence (DART)	\$ 55,000
	Project: Peacemakers	\$ 110,000
	Jewish Family Service	\$ 200,000
	Rainbow Services	\$ 200,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 845,000</b>

- 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 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:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
46L146	Mayor	\$ 34,517
46L299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	\$ 15,483
46L304	Contractual Services	\$ 845,000
46L213	Travel	\$ 5,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 900,000</b>

- b. **EXPEND** funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Office of the Mayor;
- INSTRUCT** the Controller to transfer up to \$34,517 from Fund XXX, Account No. 46L146 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Account No. 001020, for reimbursement of grant-funded personnel salaries;
  - INSTRUCT** the Controller to transfer up to \$15,483 from Fund XXX, Account No. 46L299 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
  - 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.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachments

- A - Grant Application
- B - Award Letter
- C - Memorandum of Understanding