



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

September 1, 2017

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

Re: FY 2014 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program Contracting Authorities and Budget Modifications (Council File No. 15-0245)

Dear Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith for City Council consideration are proposed contracting authorities and budget modifications related 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 May 20, 2015, City Council accepted the FY14 Arrest Policies grant award in the amount of \$900,000 with a grant performance period from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017.

Background

The FY14 Arrest Policies 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. The grant provides for personnel, contractual services, supplies and travel as it pertains to the administration and implementation of the Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) and Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART).

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.

Under the SART program, a dedicated sexual assault response service provider 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 allocated \$110,000 to provide DART services in the Newton, Southwest, Southeast and 77th Divisions. Since the time of original contract execution, PPMI has identified cost savings in the amount of \$33,333.33. In a previous report, the Mayor's Office requested authority to contract with Strength United for \$66,666.67 to provide DART services in the North Hollywood Division. Due to 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 modify these cost savings to Peace Over Violence for DART (\$45,000) and SART (\$55,000) services. These modifications are pending grantor approval.

Authority is being requested to conduct the necessary budget modifications, as noted above, and to execute a DART contract amendment with Project Peacemakers, Inc. and execute a DART and SART contract amendment with Peace Over Violence.

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the Mayor or his designee, to:

- a. Modify the existing grant budget (Council File No. 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 DART services to decrease their 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 their total contract amount by \$45,000 from \$55,000 to \$100,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and

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d. Negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, an amendment to the professional Services Agreement with Peace Over Violence for SART services to increase their 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.

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.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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