

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program grant award for use by the City Attorney.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach grant award between the City of Los Angeles and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept the grant award in the amount of \$125,000 for funding the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable in the amount of \$125,000 within Fund 368/12.
  - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund 368, as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12L401 FY 14-15 UV Program	\$125,000
  - c. Upon receipt of grant funds, transfer up to \$90,540 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L401 to Fund 100/12, Revenue Account 5301, Reimbursement from other Funds/Dept.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), or designee, to approve the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments subject to the approval of CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program is \$146,070, of which \$125,000 will be reimbursed by the CalOES for salaries, fringe benefits, and expenses. The General Fund impact will be \$8,570 for overhead costs (central services and department administration), which are not reimbursed by the grant. The grant's match requirement of \$12,500 will be met through volunteer hours. The above recommendations are in compliance with City financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 27, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the

CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$125,000 in grant funding for the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach program. This program provides services to victims of crime in the underserved lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, with the goal of assisting victims in recovering from the psychological, emotional, and out-of-pocket financial losses incurred as a result of the crime, as well as increasing the victims' involvement in the criminal justice system.

According to the CAO, grant funds will be used for salaries and benefits of one Witness Service Coordinator, and program expenses such as travel, a contract for victim advocate services, office supplies, volunteer recruitment, and victim emergency assistance. A matching funds requirement will be satisfied through volunteer hours. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At its meeting held March 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach program grant award, and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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