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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer *MSH
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Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated April 8, 2015

Subject: **2014 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$1,713,135 grant award for the 2014 Port Security Grant (PSG) Program (Program) and to execute a grant award agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The PSG Program provides financial assistance to State, local agencies, and private sector partners to improve port-wide risk management, enhance domain awareness, provide maritime security training and exercises, and to maintain maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities. Funding will be allocated to four project components, including:

Project Component	Grant Amount	Match Amount	Total Project Component Cost	Total Source of Funds for Match
LAPD Harbor Area Multi-Interagency Fiber Optic Cable Connectivity	\$93,750	\$31,250	\$125,000	LAPD Communication Services Account
LAPD Microwave Downlink Upgrade	\$937,266	\$312,422	\$1,249,688	Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles
LAPD Tactical Waterborne and Underwater Dive Unit	\$207,399	\$69,133	\$276,532	Los Angeles Police Foundation donation
LAPD Port Security and Trade Resumption Training Exercises Program	\$474,720	\$158,351	\$633,071	LAPD Salaries
TOTAL	\$1,713,135	\$571,156	\$2,284,291	

All of the funding sources for the 25-percent match, except for the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation, have been included in the Mayor's 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

Following is a more detailed explanation of each of the four project components:

1. *LAPD Harbor Area Multi-Interagency Fiber Optic Cable Connectivity (\$125,000)*

Grant funds in the amount of \$83,750 will allow for the completion of a fiber optic connectivity between the LAPD, Long Beach Police Department, Port of Los Angeles, Port of Long Beach, United States Coast Guard, LAPD Emergency Operations Center, LAPD Police Administration Building, LAPD South Bureau, LAPD 77th Station, Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. This project will enable shared capability to view security camera and video feeds from Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, providing real time monitoring and situational awareness for decision makers within each agency/department. An additional \$10,000 in grant funds will pay for the overtime work of a Lieutenant II who will manage the project. The LAPD will allocate \$31,250 from its allotment within the Information Technology Agency's Communication Services Account for the matching fund requirement.

2. *LAPD Microwave Downlink Upgrade (\$1.25 million)*

Grant funds in the amount of \$937,266 will be utilized to purchase equipment to enhance LAPD's air support to law enforcement operations. It will outfit two helicopters with microwave downlink and Churchill Navigation systems; additionally, one of the helicopters will be outfitted with a new hi-definition camera. The microwave downlink system transmits encrypted images from an aircraft to fixed or portable receivers. The Churchill Navigation system adds pertinent data (street names and directions) to live video feed transmissions. Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) funds in the amount of \$312,422 will be used for the matching fund requirement of this project component.

3. *LAPD Tactical Waterborne and Underwater Dive Unit (\$276,532)*

Grant funds in the amount of \$207,399 will be utilized to purchase equipment for the LAPD SWAT Tactical Waterborne (TWB) and Underwater Dive Unit (UDU) cadre. These units are dedicated to maritime operations in the Port of Los Angeles and are currently using the Draeger LAR-V Underwater Breathing Apparatus (UBA). Although this system has been used by the United States Navy Special Warfare for many years, the Navy has tested and is currently transitioning to the Aqualung Compact Oxygen Diving Equipment (C.O.D.E.). The Aqualung C.O.D.E. is a compact oxygen diving system used by military and police agencies throughout the world. It has many advantages over the Draeger LAR-V system: 1) Upgraded and more modern critical parts; 2) the system is lighter in weight and requires less effort for the diver to breath; and 3) Aqualung is located in Vista, California, which will allow for local technical support and maintenance. This funding will also upgrade UDU's 10-year-old wetsuits and its communications system. The 25-percent match of \$69,133 will be donated by the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

4. *LAPD Port Security and Trade Resumption Training Exercises Program (\$633,071)*

Grant funding in the amount of \$474,720 will pay for overtime of department personnel to design, deliver, and evaluate port security measures in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Complex. This continues the 2013 PSG Grant Program (C.F. 14-0176-S1) that delivered both risk mitigation and trade resumption exercises to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Exercises and training will allow responders the opportunity to practice and test response capabilities, synergy with each jurisdictional partner, the unified commands' strategic decision making process, staff procedures, tactical response, employment of security zones, underwater dive operations, logistical forecasts, and resiliency measures. LAPD salaries in the amount of \$158,351 will provide the required matching funds.

Further details on the grant are provided in the Los Angeles Police Commission transmittal dated April 8, 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award of \$1,713,135 from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the Port Security Grant (PSG) Program for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the Cooperative Agreement and submit any necessary documents relative to the grant award, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - b. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$1,713,135 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$1,713,135 to account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the disbursements of 2014 PSG grant funds;
4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2015, or the first meeting day thereafter, the following instructions:

- a. Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, 2014 Port Security Grant, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

<u>From:</u>		<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account</u>		
339/70	TBD	2014 Port Security Grant	\$484,720

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<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account</u>		
100/70	001092	Overtime Sworn	\$ 484,720

5. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2014 Port Security Grant (PSG) Program award from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency totaling \$1,713,135. The PSG requires a 25-percent match of \$571,156, which will be satisfied with: 1) LAPD Communication Services Account funding (\$31,250); 2) Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles funds (\$312,422); 3) a donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation (\$69,133); and, 4) LAPD Salaries (\$158,351). All of the funding sources for the 25-percent match, except for the donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation, have been included in the Mayor's 2015-16 Proposed Budget. The Council will act on the Proposed Budget subsequent to the release of this report. If the Council does not approve one or more of these funding sources, the Department will identify an alternative funding source for the match and report back to the Council and Mayor with an updated report. Acceptance of the grant will have no additional impact on the General Fund. These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds and special designated funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.