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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated July 9, 2015; referred for report July 9, 2015

Subject: **2015 MAYOR'S FUND FOR LOS ANGELES GRANT AWARD FOR THE
EXPANSION OF THE MAYOR'S DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM
PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety (Mayor's Office) requests authority to accept grant funds in the amount of \$464,000 from the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles (Mayor's Fund) for a grant performance period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. There is no match requirement for the Mayor's Fund. The grant funds will be used to partially fund contracts with non-profit organizations to operate the Mayor's Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) program in Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) divisions in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Background

The Mayor's Fund is a non-profit organization focused on creating partnerships between the City and the private, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors aimed at tackling some of Los Angeles' pressing problems. The Mayor's Fund supports programs that enhance economic prosperity, community resiliency, quality of life and government efficiency. The Mayor's Fund is supported by donations from private individuals, corporations and philanthropic foundations and is overseen by an independent Board of Directors. In line with the Mayor's Fund's priorities, the Mayor's Office submitted a grant application to the Mayor's Fund in the amount of \$464,000 to support the DART program in LAPD divisions.

The DART program pairs victim advocates with LAPD Major Assault Crime (MAC) officers to respond to the scene of a domestic violence incident to provide intervention services for victims of domestic violence and their families. DART teams also provide follow-up support including, referral services, transportation, emergency shelter, assistance in developing safety plans, and coordinating individual and group counseling. Additionally, DART teams provide case management services, such as employment training, family counseling, legal advocacy and court accompaniment. Moreover, DART teams work to end the cycle of violence by facilitating the prosecution of domestic violence as a crime.

In Fiscal Year 2014-15, DART teams partnered with ten LAPD divisions, including 77th, Harbor, Hollenbeck, Newton, Northeast, North Hollywood, Rampart, Southeast, Southwest, and Van Nuys, to provide crisis response and follow-up support to victims of domestic violence. In Fiscal Year 2015-16, the Mayor's Office is expanding the program to include the remaining 11 LAPD divisions, including Mission, West Los Angeles, Foothill, Olympic, West Valley, Devonshire, Hollywood, Topanga, Central, Wilshire, and Pacific.

The total estimated cost of funding DARTs at each of the 21 LAPD divisions is approximately \$1.88 million for 2015-16. Funding in the amount of \$1.05 million in General Fund is set aside for the DART program, which includes funding budgeted in General City Purpose funds approved as part of the 2015-16 Adopted Budget and savings from prior years. In May 2015, the City Council approved acceptance of the \$900,000 Fiscal Year 2014 Office on Violence Against Women Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program Grant (Arrest Policies grant) (C.F. 15-0245) from the U.S. Department of Justice. Of the \$900,000 Arrest Policies grant, \$620,000 is for the DART program. Since the term of the Arrest Policies grant is three years, approximately \$206,667 of the grants funds are for 2015-16. Additional support for the DART program is provided by the Los Angeles Police Foundation in the amount of \$160,000. The Mayor's Office now requests authority to accept a grant from the FY15 Mayor's Fund to provide funding for the remaining cost of \$464,000 for the DART program in 2015-16.

The City contracts with non-profit organizations to partner with LAPD officers for the DART program. Based upon a Request for Proposals (RFP) procurement process conducted by the Mayor's Office, the following agencies were selected to serve the designated LAPD divisions:

Agency	Division	Mayor's Fund Grant Allocation	Allocation from Other Sources	Total FY15-16 Allocation
Peace Over Violence	Hollywood	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$231,000
	Central	\$75,000	--	
	Hollenbeck	\$6,000	\$75,000	
Strength United	Foothill	\$81,000	--	\$162,000
	West Valley	\$81,000	--	
Domestic Abuse Center	Topanga	\$81,000	--	\$81,000
Project Peacemakers	Southeast	\$25,000	\$70,000	\$95,000
Program Evaluation		\$65,000	--	\$65,000
TOTAL		\$464,000	\$170,000	\$634,000

On July 1, 2015, the Mayor's Office executed contracts with Peace Over Violence, Strength United, Domestic Abuse Center and Project Peacemakers for the DART program for a term of nine months. The Mayor's Office now requests to amend the existing contracts with Peace Over Violence, Strength United, Domestic Abuse Center and Project Peacemakers by increasing the

contract amounts to reflect additional funding for the DART program provided through the FY15 Mayor's Fund grant and to extend the term of the contracts by three months to June 30, 2016. It should be noted that the table above only reflects agencies whose contracts are supported by the FY15 Mayor's Fund and is not an all-inclusive list of agencies supporting the DART program.

In addition to contracting with non-profit organizations, the Mayor's Office will utilize a portion of the grant funds to evaluate the effectiveness of the expanded DART program and model. Data will be collected on a monthly and quarterly basis and evaluated by a contractor to determine agencies' performance. The Mayor's Office requests authority to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to conduct the program evaluation for a contract amount of \$65,000 for a term of one year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept on behalf of the City of Los Angeles the Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) grant in the amount of \$464,000 from the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, for a performance period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016;
 - b. Negotiate and execute an agreement with the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles for a term of up to 12 months for receipt of the DART grant funds, consistent with the approved grant budget and in accordance with the agreement provided as Attachment 2 to the Mayor's transmittal dated July 9, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Peace Over Violence (C-125873) to increase the amount of the contract by \$131,000 for services in the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD's) Hollywood, Central and Hollenbeck Division, and to extend the term by three months, for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - d. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Strength United (C-125876) to increase the amount of the contract by \$162,000 for services in the LAPD's Foothill and West Valley Divisions, and to extend the term by three months, for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - e. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Domestic Abuse Center (C-125871) to increase the amount of the contract by \$81,000 for services in the LAPD's Topanga Division, and to extend the term by three months, for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;

- f. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Project Peacemakers (C-125872) to increase the amount of the contract by \$25,000 for services in the LAPD's Southeast Division, and to extend the term by three months, for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - g. Negotiate and execute a contract with a program evaluation service provider for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, for a term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - h. Submit to the grantor, on behalf of the City, requests for drawdown of funds or reimbursements of City funds expended for eligible grant purposes;
 - i. Receive, deposit into, and disburse from a new FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant, the grant funds from the FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant award;
2. Authorize the Controller, or designee, to:
- a. Establish a new interest-bearing fund entitled "FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant" and create a receivable in the Fund in the amount of \$464,000 for the FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant;
 - b. Expend and receive funds upon presentation of documentation and proper demand by the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to reimburse the City for approved FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant expenditures;
3. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Mayor's Fund DART grant and authorize the Mayor to create a new appropriation Account No. 46M304, Contractual, within the new FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant Fund No. XXX for the FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant, in the amount of \$464,000; and,
4. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical corrections, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2015 Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles in the amount of \$464,000 will provide funding for the Domestic Abuse Response Team program. Acceptance of the grant and the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.