



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

July 9, 2015

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

Re: 2015 Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles Grant Award for the Expansion of the Mayor's Domestic Abuse Response Team ("DART") Program

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety is providing notification to the City Council of the submission of a grant application and a request to accept grant funds 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. The grant funds will be used to partially fund contracts with non-profit community organizations that will operate the Mayor's Domestic Abuse Response Teams ("DART") Program in multiple divisions of the Los Angeles Police Department during the 2015-16 Fiscal Year. The Mayor's Office requests authority from the City Council to negotiate and execute contracts, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for the distribution of grant funds to these non-profit organizations.

I. BACKGROUND

The DART Program is a law enforcement-based crisis response team which pairs trained domestic violence advocates with police officers. DART teams respond to domestic violence incidents, provide immediate crisis intervention and follow-up services for victims of domestic violence and their families. The DART Program is critical to supporting domestic violence victims and increasing their safety. Intervention at the scene of a reported domestic violence incident (or shortly thereafter) by a police officer and by a civilian advocate with specialized knowledge, training, and experience

responding to incidents of domestic violence is an effective means of countering domestic violence.

Through a network of local service providers, DART agencies provide critical follow-up support for victims and their family members, including providing emotional support, education, referral services, transportation and emergency shelter services. They also assist in developing safety plans, coordinating individual and group counseling and providing supportive services to domestic violence victims. DART teams also provide extensive case management services (such as employment training, family counseling, legal advocacy and court accompaniment).

DART teams also work to end the cycle of violence by facilitating the prosecution of domestic violence as a crime. DART agencies assist local law enforcement agencies in numerous ways, including by increasing their knowledge of domestic violence, by supplementing domestic violence response training and by attending to victim needs, permitting officers to focus on investigation and report writing. Victims served by DART report a higher rate of understanding their options and accessing appropriate services. Just last year alone, 3,022 victims were served and over 300 trainings were provided to 4,696 law enforcement officials, victim advocates, and community members.

During Fiscal Year 2014-15, there were DART teams funded by the City of Los Angeles ("City") and through federal grant funds to partner with ten of the 21 LAPD divisions to provide crisis response and follow-up support to victims of domestic violence (77th, Harbor, Hollenbeck, Newton, Northeast, North Hollywood, Rampart, Southeast, Southwest, and Van Nuys). Beginning in July 2015, the Mayor's Office is expanding the DART Program to cover the remaining eleven divisions: Mission, West LA, Foothill, Olympic, West Valley, Devonshire, Hollywood, Topanga, and Central, Wilshire, and Pacific. To accomplish this expansion, the City has committed more than one million dollars to fund the Program, along with additional support from federal grant funds and the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

In addition, the Mayor's Office is partnering with the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles to secure funds in support of the DART Program from private donations. The Mayor's Fund recognizes the important work of the DART Program as a public safety program that is aligned with the Fund's priority for projects within community resiliency and public safety. These funds will assist in satisfying what is a significant need in the City of LA for additional DART resources. The Mayor's Office has submitted a grant program application to the Mayor's Fund (Attachment 1) and seeks authorization from City Council to accept the DART Grant from the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles in the amount of \$464,000, pursuant to the attached Grant Agreement (Attachment 2). The Mayor's

Office seeks authority to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for the distribution of these DART Grant funds, for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year with the agencies identified in the table below. Agencies were selected to contract with the City for specific divisions based upon a formal Request for Proposal (“RFP”) procurement conducted by the Mayor’s Office in May 2015. The DART Grant funds will supplement funds provided to these agencies from the City General Fund, federal grant awards, and support from the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

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	\$0	
	Hollenbeck	\$6,000	\$75,000	
Strength United	Foothill	\$81,000	\$0	\$162,000
	West Valley	\$81,000	\$0	
Domestic Abuse Center	Topanga	\$81,000	\$0	\$81,000
Project Peacemakers	Southeast	\$25,000	\$70,000	\$95,000
Program Evaluation		\$65,000	0	\$65,000
TOTAL:		\$464,000		

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to:
 - a. Accept on behalf of the City of Los Angeles the 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 attached to this transmittal, 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) for an amount not to exceed \$231,000 for services in the Hollywood, Central, and Hollenbeck Divisions, 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) for an amount not to exceed \$162,000, for services in the Foothill and West Valley Divisions, 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) for an amount not to exceed \$81,000, for services in the Topanga Division, for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
- f. Negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Project Peacemakers (C-125872) for an amount not to exceed \$95,000, for services in the Southeast Division, 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 the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
- 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 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; and
 - 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 FY15 Mayor's Fund DART grant and authorize the Mayor to create new appropriation accounts within the new FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant Fund No. XXX for the FY15 Mayor's Fund DART Grant, as follows:

<u>Appropriation Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46M304	CONTRACTUAL	\$464,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$464,000.00

4. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachments

- 1 Mayor's Fund Grant Application
- 2 DRAFT Mayor's Fund Grant Agreement