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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Grant Acceptance Packet for California Office of Emergency Services 2015-16 Victim Assistance Program Sub-award in the amount of \$1,497,149 received by the City Attorney's Office.

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the contract between the City and the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$1,497,149 for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,497,149 from the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$1,497,149 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund 368 as follows:

Account 12M301 -FY 15-16 Victim Assistance Program - \$1,497,149
4. TRANSFER up to \$1,040,530 from Fund 368/12, Account 12M301 to Fund 100/12, Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts upon receipt of reimbursement.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the Victim Assistance Program is \$1,845,113 of which \$1,497,149 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits. The General Fund impact will be \$347,964 in related costs for central services and department administration. The acceptance of the use of the grant funds is consistent with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from the continuation of the grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on January 19, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered a CAO report relative to a request by the City Attorney for approval to accept \$1,497,149 in grant funding for the 36th year of the Victim Assistance Program. The CAO reports that the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services awarded the County of Los Angeles \$5,988,596 to provide victim-witness services. \$1,497,149 will be awarded by the County of Los Angeles to the City Attorney's Office for the grant period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The total cost of the program is \$1,845,113 of which \$1,497,149 will be reimbursed to the General Fund as follows: \$764,253 in salaries, \$276,277 in fringe benefits, and \$456,619 in expenses. The remaining cost

of \$347,964 is the City's contribution for related costs (central services and department administration). The grant guidelines require a match from the City in the amount of \$259,266, which the City will meet through payment of related costs. Grant funding will provide for salaries, operating expenses and fringe benefits for 11 regular authority positions (nine full-time victim advocates and two administrative support positions) and 13 contract workers. Staff provides services to victims of crime and survivors of homicide victims including crisis intervention, resource and referral assistance, assistance with victim of crime claims, restitution assistance, and funeral arrangements. The victim advocates will be assigned to the highest need communities, in addition to the Los Angeles Police Department's Devonshire, Topanga and Pacific Area divisions and City Attorney branch offices. According to the City Attorney's Office, 7,012 new victims received services in 2014-15. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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