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Council District: --

To: The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated September 22, 2016; referred for report September 27, 2016

Subject: **2016 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively accept the 2016 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program grant award in the amount of \$866,278 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$866,278 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department 70;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$866,278 to appropriation account number to be determined within Fund No. 339 Department 70, for disbursement of the 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant;

- b. Increase appropriations for NIJ's 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program as needed from appropriations account number to be determined in Fund 339, Department 70, to Fund No. 100, Department 70, Account No. 001090, Civilian Overtime, in the amount of \$379,663; and,
4. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Grant Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will allow the Los Angeles Police Department's Forensic Science Division to analyze at least 321 additional deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) cases annually. The grant budget approved by the NIJ is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Personnel	\$379,663
Travel	\$ 22,775
Training	\$ 13,840
Equipment	<u>\$450,000</u>
Total	\$866,278

The budget provides funding for civilian Criminalists and support staff to process DNA cases on an overtime basis; travel and registration expenses for the continuing education of DNA analysts; and replacement of an outdated genetic profiling instrument and purchase of an automated sample lysing instrument. This equipment will effectively reduce DNA testing turnaround time.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Grant award totalling \$866,278. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support the grant activities. There are no matching funds required.