

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, Joint Powers of Verification Unit (JPVU) Sub-Award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept and execute the grant award agreement in the amount of \$772,076 for continuation funding in support of the JPVU from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
2. ACCEPT the funding in the amount of \$772,076 from the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and the County of Los Angeles (County).
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable from the County in the amount of \$772,076.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund No. 368/12: Account No. 12R501- Fiscal Year 2019-20 JPVU - \$772,076.
 - c. Transfer \$527,525 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12R501 to Fund No. 100/12, Account 1010 - Salaries, General.
 - d. Transfer, upon receipt of grant funds, up to \$240,657 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12R501 to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 5346, Related Cost Reimbursements-Grant Funds.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the JPVU is \$1,036,630 of which \$772,076 will be reimbursed by the County for salaries, fringe benefits, and operating expenses. The General Fund impact will be \$264,554 in central services and Department administration costs. The acceptance of the grant award 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.

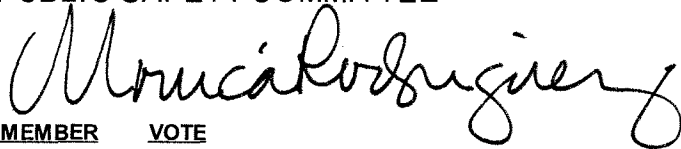
Summary:

On September 25, 2019, your Committee considered September 13, 2019 CAO and August 7, 2019 City Attorney reports relative to the JPVU Sub-Award for \$772,076 for continuation funding in support of the JPVU from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY 2019-20). According to the CAO, the JPVU enhances the City's existing services by allowing the program to expedite the "Victims of Crime Compensation Claims" verification and reimbursement process for victims who are entitled to financial assistance. The JPVU grant is funded through the State Victim

Compensation and Government Claims Board, Government Code Section 13959 states that it is in the public interest to assist residents of the State of California in obtaining restitution for the pecuniary losses they suffer as a direct result of criminal acts. Under this code, certain victims of crime may receive payment for unreimbursed losses directly resulting from a crime. During the first eleven months of FY 2018-19, the JPVU processed 3,817 new claims and 4,548 bills related to medical/mental health expenses, loss of support, wage loss, funeral/burial and/or moving/relocation expenses for ongoing claims previously processed. The value of FY 2018-19 claims processed has exceeded \$3.98 million. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the grant funding as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	ABSENT
LEE:	ABSENT

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