

REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated December 5, 2018; referred for report January 10, 2019

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2018 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP – GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant in the amount of \$451,638.91 for the period of April 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020;
  - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the 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 \$451,638.91 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
  - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the grant receipts in the Police Department Grants Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
  - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions; and,

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$451,638.91 to an appropriation account to be determined, in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2018 BVP grant.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$451,638.91 grant award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (Grantor) for the period of April 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

The BVP Program was created by the Bulletproof Partnership Act of 1998 to provide funding to state and local jurisdictions to equip law enforcement officers with concealable body armor. To obtain Grantor approval, applicants must meet the following requirements: the applicant must provide matching funds of at least 50-percent; the applicant must have a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers; bulletproof vests purchased with BVP grant funds must comply with the National Institute of Justice standards; and, the BVP grant funds may only be utilized to purchase one vest per officer per fiscal year.

The LAPD has been a recipient of the BVP grant for the past 14 years and received a total of \$3,246,873.14 in grant funding from the program. The 2018 BVP grant will provide funding to replace approximately 1,500 bulletproof vests. The Department reports that the 50-percent match requirement will be met through funding that is budgeted in its Uniforms Account over the two year performance period of the grant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations within this report will provide up to \$451,638.91 in funding to the Police Department for the 2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant. The grant has a 50-percent match requirement, which will be fulfilled through funding that the Police Department annually receives in its Uniforms Account. Funding is already provided for the current fiscal year within the Department's 2018-19 Adopted Budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. Acceptance of the grant and the approval of the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies, whereas one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.