

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$154,770 for the 2018 California Coverdell Program from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2019.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award for the 2018 California Coverdell Program Grant from the OES in the amount of \$154,770 for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
  - b. Negotiate and execute the Grant Agreement for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$154,770 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2018 California Coverdell Program Grant funds.
  - b. Increase appropriations for the 2018 California Coverdell Program Grant as needed from appropriation account number to be determined in Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No. 100/70, account number and amount as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1090 Overtime Civilian	\$101,770

3. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
  - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$154,770 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
  - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339/70.
  - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any 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 approval of the recommendations contained in the August 1, 2019 CAO report, attached to the Council file, will allow for the expenditure of the 2018 California Coverdell Program grant award totaling \$154,770. 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 one-time revenue is being used for one-time expenses. There are no matching funds required.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 14, 2019, your Committee considered August 1, 2019 CAO and May 21, 2019 Los Angeles Police Commission (Commission) reports relative to grant acceptance in the amount of \$154,770 for the 2018 California Coverdell Program from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OMS) for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2019. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$154,770 grant award for the 2018 California Coverdell Program Grant from the OES. The grant term is from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The OES awards the California Coverdell Program Grant to states and units of local government to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science and medical examiner services. Grant funds may also be used to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence.

The 2018 California Coverdell Program Grant will fund the following expenses: 1) \$101,770 for civilian overtime in the Firearms, Toxicology, and Trace Analysis Units of the Forensic Science Division; 2) \$35,000 for Shooting Incident Reconstruction training; and, 3) \$18,000 for equipment, including Crime-lites, a handheld high-intensity alternative light source, and a 16 Gigabyte server, keyboard, and mouse. The recommendations contained in the CAO report differ from those of the Commission. Specifically, to provide Shooting Incident Reconstruction training sessions in the local area, Recommendation No. 3.A in the Commission report requests authority to contract with Forensic Science Consultants (FSC). The LAPD subsequently discovered that FSC has already agreed to provide the training in the Los Angeles area and thus no additional contract is needed for LAPD personnel to participate; the cost of the training will be paid through an Authority for Expenditure. Therefore, Recommendation No. 3.A is not included in the CAO report. Also, Recommendations 3.G and 3.H in the Commission report have been combined into Recommendation 2(b) since this report is being released after July 1, 2019. The Department concurs with the recommendations in this report.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the August 1, 2019 CAO report and detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

BUSCAINO: YES  
RYU: YES  
SMITH: ABSENT

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