

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee**

**reports as follows:**

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a grant acceptance packet for the County of Los Angeles Impact (LA IMPACT) Program grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or his designee to submit the grant award in the amount of \$427,538 for the LA IMPACT Grant for the period of July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or his designee to approve the accompanying grant award between the City and the LA IMPACT and authorize the City Attorney or his designee to execute said grant award on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or his designee to accept the grant award in the amount of \$427,538 for funding the LA IMPACT Grant for the period of July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable in the amount of \$427,538 within Fund 368, Department 12.
  - b. Establish the following appropriation Account Nos. within Fund 368, Department 12: Account F631, Personal Services – \$383,451 and Account F633, Operating Expenses - \$ 44,087.
  - c. Transfer \$217,045 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account F631 Personal Services to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 1010 Salaries General.
  - d. Transfer \$54,090 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account F631 Personal Services to Fund 100, Department 32, Account 1010 Salaries General.
5. AUTHORIZE the Office of the City Attorney to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 28, 2010, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CAO report relative to a grant acceptance packet for the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), LA IMPACT grant received by the City Attorney's Office. As a participant in the Grants Pilot Program, the City Attorney submitted the packet for review and analysis by the CAO Grants Oversight Unit and the appropriate CAO Analyst. In accordance with the approved procedures for the Pilot, the CAO reviewed the Packet for completeness, conducted a concise analysis and prepared a Fiscal Impact Statement. The Grant Acceptance Packet, attached to the Council file, consists of the following: Review of Grant Award and Acceptance Determination, Department Request for Acceptance of Grant Award, Grant Award Notification and Acceptance, Memorandum of Understanding, and Grant Application Notification and Summary Review.

During the Committee's discussion of this matter, the Committee Chair requested additional information for the Committee report including a synopsis of the program, program accomplishments, explanation for the delay and projected grant funding for future years. Subsequently, the CAO and City Attorney provided the following information regarding the grant project. The LA IMPACT Project Tough (Taking out Urban Gang Headquarters) is a specialized unit of the criminal branch of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. T.O.U.G.H is a property abatement program which significantly curtails drug and gang activity in Los Angeles neighborhoods. City prosecutors, assisted by support staff assigned to T.O.U.G.H., target properties where drug dealers and gang member commit crimes. Although attorneys assigned to T.O.U.G.H. are criminal prosecutors, they use civil lawsuits including the State's narcotic abatement statutes to curtail drug and gang activity.

The CAO further reports that the delay was due to several events which occurred relative to the release of the bid and overall review process by Cal EMA. Cal EMA released their bid in the first quarter of 2009 (after grant start date). Both the County and the City applied for these funds in September 2009. Upon receipt of both applications, Cal EMA advised the LA County and LA City to partner together with an interagency law enforcement program in order to meet federal Anti Drug Abuse formula funding guidelines. Thereafter, City Attorney partners with LA IMPACT (Interagency Metropolitan Apprehension Crime Task Force) and City Attorney and resubmits application related to Project Tough. Upon these revisions, Cal EMA issues a Notice of Intent to fund application in January 2010; subject to grant proposal modifications. Several additional delays occurred within the LA IMPACT application at the County level and a formal letter was not received by the City until May 3, 2010. The CAO report was released shortly thereafter on June 4, 2010.

Additionally, the CAO states that because the grant involves formula funding, it is anticipated that Project TOUGH will receive continued funding for FY 2010-11 and 2011-12. Cal EMA expects to issue the RFA during the first quarter of FY 10-11. The FY 10-11 Adopted Budget included additional grant revenue of \$271,000 from this grant, as part of the overall revenue adjustments to balance the General Fund budget. The \$271,000 will reimburse the General Fund for two regular positions.

The City Attorney reports the following achievements for the program: two gang property narcotic abatement filings, 15 LA IMPACT case matter reviews, and four referrals to the District Attorney's Office, County Counsel, Long Beach, and Building and Safety. Other accomplishments include completing three evictions, with two evictions pending, and one case conference (in lieu of eviction) conducted with property owner. Eight training sessions for LA

IMPACT enforcement groups and outside agencies (Long Beach PD and City Attorney and Inglewood PD and City Attorney) were completed. Pending trainings are scheduled for Maywood and Bell Gardens. Additionally, the City Attorney reports that the process of identifying neighborhoods for gang narcotic activity suitable for abatements is ongoing. The City Attorney states that the program participated in a Grape Street Gang takedown and that currently, no injunctions are in place.

After consideration and an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee approved the recommendations contained in the June 4, 2010 CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARKS:	YES
SMITH:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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