

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 11-0929

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR and MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program grant award for use by the Police Department's Off-Road Enforcement Team.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant award in the amount of \$14,591, from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
 - b. Execute the 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant cooperative agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award and to negotiate, execute, and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$14,591 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339, Department 70, for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds.
4. AUTHORIZE the Police Department to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$14,591, in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant Program costs are fully reimbursable. The grant requires a 25 percent in-kind match which is provided in the form of original officer's salary. The cost of officer's salary is included in the 2011-12 Adopted Budget since this position is filled with existing Police Department personnel. The CAO's recommendations comply with City financial policies as one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to Council dated July 21, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Police Department requests authority to apply for and accept a \$14,591 grant award for the 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant Program from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. According to the CAO, the objective of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program is to prevent and/or discourage illegal off-highway vehicle activity. The Police Department Off-Road Enforcement Unit, provides directed patrol and enforcement in rural areas not accessible by motor vehicles and in areas where increasing complaints of illegal off-road motorcycle activity have been reported. In conjunction with the Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, resources are deployed on a random basis, throughout the week, weekends, holidays and during the heightened fire season or as complaints arise.

The CAO reports that on April 25, 2011, the Police Department submitted an application to the Department of Parks and Recreation requesting \$167,820 in grant funds to help finance the overtime of the Off-Road Enforcement Unit and to purchase an off-road vehicle, motorcycles, a laptop computer and various safety equipment and supplies. However, the grantor awarded the Police Department only \$14,591 in grant funds. The Department will use \$7,000 to purchase an off-road motorcycle and will use the remaining \$7,591 in funds to purchase safety equipment, first aid gear, global positioning systems, and motorcycle parts. Regular maintenance costs for the motorcycle unit are already provided in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget.

On June 1, 2011, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the Police Department recommendation to apply for the grant. The CAO substantially concurs with the Board's action.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held July 25, 2011, Committee Chair and member recommended that Council approve the above recommendations authorizing the Police Department to apply for an accept the 2011 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant in the amount of \$14,591 from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| MEMBER | VOTE |
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| ENGLANDER: | YES |
| CÁRDENAS: | ABSENT |
| PERRY: | ABSENT |
| REYES: | ABSENT |
| ZINE: | YES |