

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Victim Compensation Board, Joint Powers of Verification Unit grant award for use by the City Attorney.

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

1. APPROVE the grant award between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the grant award in the amount of \$689,354 for continuation funding in support of the Joint Powers of Verification Unit for the period July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$689,354 from the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$689,354 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund 368, as follows:

Account 12K501 FY 13-14 JPVU \$689,354
 - c. Transfer \$499,839 from Fund 368/12, Account 12K501 to Fund 100/12, Account 1020 (Salaries, Grant Reimbursed).
4. TRANSFER up to \$183,765 from Fund 368/12, Account 12K501 to Fund 100/12, Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts upon receipt of reimbursement.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary 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 the total cost of the Joint Powers of Verification Unit program is \$807,243, of which \$689,354 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, fringe benefits, partial central services costs, and expenses. The General Fund impact will be \$117,889 in partial central services costs and department administration costs. This action is consistent with City financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from the continuation of the grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(The Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated October 16, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CA states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept grant funding from the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for the Joint Powers of Verification Unit Funding in the amount of

\$689,354 as reimbursement for staff conducting claims verifications from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The CAO reports that grant funding will be used for salaries, operating expenses, fringe benefits, and partial central services costs for eight positions. These positions will assist victims of crime in submitting and verifying claims for unreimbursed financial losses. According to the City Attorney's Office, approximately 2,425 new claims and 13,567 continuing claims for medical/mental health expenses, loss of support, wage loss, funeral expenses and moving/relocation expenses were processed in 2012-13. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request and related actions necessary to receive and process the grant award.

At its meeting held October 25, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept the grant funds described above and approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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