

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 11-1801

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board grant award reimbursing the City Attorney for claims verifications staffing costs.

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

1. APPROVE and authorize the City Attorney, or designee, to:
 - a. Execute the agreement between the City and the County of Los Angeles for the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Claims Verification Program for the period July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - b. Accept grant funding in the amount of \$689,354 from the County of Los Angeles for the period July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.
2. 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 12J501	FY 12-13	JPVU - \$689,354
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 - c. Transfer \$482,373 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12J501 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 1020 (Salaries, Grant Reimbursed).
3. TRANSFER up to \$200,231 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12J501 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts upon receipt of reimbursement.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary 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 the total cost of the Joint Powers of Verification Unit program is \$780,235, of which \$689,354 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, fringe benefits, related costs, and expenses incurred by the City Attorney. The General Fund impact will be \$90,881 in related costs. The acceptance and use of the grants are 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.

SUMMARY:

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated August 31, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$689,354 in grant funding for the Joint Powers of Verification Unit. The CAO reports that the State of California's Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board awarded the County of Los Angeles \$8,272,242 for a three-year grant from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2015. The County awarded \$2,068,062, or \$689,354 annually, to the City as a sub-grantee.

According to the CAO, the total cost of the program is \$780,235, of which \$689,354 will be reimbursed to the General Fund for salaries, fringe benefits, and related costs and expenses for eight positions in the City Attorney's Office. The City will be required to contribute \$90,881 in related costs. No additional funds are necessary. Grant funding will provide for salaries, operating expenses, fringe benefits and partial related costs for eight positions. Program staff will assist victims of crime in submitting and verifying claims for unreimbursed financial losses. Approximately 2,616 new claims and 18,601 continuing claims for medical/mental health expenses, loss of support, wage loss, funeral expenses and moving/relocation expenses were processed in 2011-12. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held September 28, 2012, the Committee Chair recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept this grant award, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT

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