

REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated April 29, 2015

Subject: **2012 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) HIRING PROGRAM
GRANT – GRANT EXTENSION**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests authority to extend the grant term of the 2012 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice COPS Office by 18 months for a total term of four years and six months with a new ending date of November 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and Council authorized the Chief of Police to accept the 2012 COPS Hiring Program Grant (Program), totaling \$6,428,350, in December 2012 (C.F. 12- 1494). The Program was a competitive grant which provided funding to hire 25 Sworn Officer positions to be filled by post-September 11, 2001 military veterans with a minimum of 180 consecutive days of active military duty since September 11, 2001. The Program provided partial funding for salaries and fringe benefits for three years while the City was required to fund the positions in the fourth year. The 25 officers hired with Grant funds replaced 25 non-General Funded sworn officers assigned to four of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles' (HACLA) public housing developments as part of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Program formed by HACLA and the LAPD.

Although the LAPD conducted regular Academy Recruit Officer training, it took several months to complete the hiring of 25 applicants with the required military veteran status. Additionally, some of the qualified new hires became inactive over the course of the grant, requiring additional recruitment midterm in the grant. These circumstances delayed the LAPD from fully expending the grant funds within the original grant period, making the extension of the grant term necessary.

Upon conclusion of the grant term, the City will no longer be obligated by the grant to maintain funding for the 25 positions hired under this Program. However, it is anticipated that the positions will continue to be filled in order to maintain a force of 10,000 Sworn Officers. Further details on the grant are provided in the Los Angeles Police Commission transmittal dated April 29, 2015 (C.F. 12-1494).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police or designee to accept the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Division approval of a no cost extension for the 2012 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program Grant, extending the award period from May 31, 2015 to November 30, 2016;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the full expenditure of 2012 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program Grant (Grant) award totaling \$6,428,350. There is no additional impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. These recommendations are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that expenditure of Grant funds is strictly limited to the mandates of the funding source.