

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The City Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer

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Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated November 4, 2014

Subject: **2009 SMART POLICING GRANT EXTENSION**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking approval to accept a \$400,000 grant extension for the 2009 Smart Policing Grant (SMART) from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) with a new term end date of March 31, 2016. The LAPD also requests authority to negotiate and execute a new contract with the grant subrecipient, Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (Subrecipient), for \$156,496 and a term of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. The Subrecipient will act as the City's research partner. The remaining funding will be allocated to equipment (\$232,620) necessary to implement the program and travel required by the NIJ (\$10,884). This Office recommends approval of the Department's request.

BACKGROUND

The SMART grant funds the Los Angeles Strategic Extraction and Restoration (LASER) program which is designed to reduce gun violence and support the use of predictive analytics and other technology to assist officers in targeting chronic crime locations and chronic offenders. The NIJ first awarded the City SMART grant funding of \$499,959 in 2009 and has authorized subsequent no-cost extensions that enabled the program to be implemented in the Devonshire, Foothill, Pacific, Topanga, and Wilshire Areas. The extension now being authorized provides an additional \$400,000 in funding for the purpose of expanding the project to 77th, Southeast, Southwest, Newton, and the Air Support Division. The funding will also support evaluation of the LASER program to determine its efficacy at reducing violent crimes in the areas where it has already been established and provide for the procurement of mobile technology for officers implementing the LASER program.

The grant Subrecipient acts as the City's research partner to develop problem solving techniques using computer analytic tools to increase police officer/investigator efficiency in reducing the incidence of gun violence. Dr. Craig Uchida is the Subrecipient's Principal Investigator. Dr. Uchida is a criminologist and has conducted field research throughout the country (drug

enforcement, use of force, community policing, search warrants, problems in schools, and gang activity). It should be noted that the City Attorney has opined that because the City included the Subrecipient in its grant proposal, in conformance with the grant requirement that a research partner be included as part of the project, the contract with the Subrecipient is exempted from competitive procurement and Charter Section 1022 requirements. Further details on the grant are provided in the departmental report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated October 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the extension for the Smart Policing Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, extending the award period to March 31, 2016;
 - b. Accept the supplemental award of funds for the Smart Policing — Institutionalizing Operation LASER Grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice;
 - c. Negotiate and execute the grant Cooperative Agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
 - d. Negotiate and execute a new contract between the City of Los Angeles and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc., in the amount of \$156,496 and with the term of agreement from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to \$400,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Increase the grant receivable in Fund No. 339 by the amount of \$400,000;
 - b. Appropriate \$400,000 to Appropriations Account No. 70F550 within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for disbursement of the Smart Policing — Institutionalizing Operation LASER Grant;

4. Authorize the 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 in this report will have no additional impact on the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses. Not matching funds are required for the grant.

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