

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Smart Policing — Institutionalizing Operation Los Angeles Strategic Extraction and Restoration (LASER) supplemental grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, 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 (DOJ/NIJ), 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 DOJ/NIJ.
 - c. Negotiate and execute the grant Cooperative Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - d. Negotiate and execute a new contract between the City of Los Angeles and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS), in the amount of \$156,496 and for the term October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to \$400,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the granter and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339/70.
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. 339/70, 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 (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant is in compliance with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses. Not matching funds are required for the grant.

Community Impact Statement: No

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated February 24, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAPD seeks authority to accept a supplemental Smart Policing grant award in the amount of \$400,000 and an extension of the grant term. LAPD also requests authority to negotiate and execute a new contract with the grant sub-recipient JSS. According to the CAO grant funds will be used to compensate JSS and to pay for equipment and travel expenses. On November 4, 2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's requests. The CAO concurs with this action.

The CAO reports that the SMART grant funds the 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. In 2009, the DOJ/NIJ awarded the City SMART grant funding of \$499,959 for the implementation of LASER in the Devonshire, Foothill, Pacific, Topanga, and Wilshire Areas. The proposed extension and supplemental grant award provide an additional \$400,000 in funding for the purpose of expanding the project to 77th, Southeast, Southwest, Newton, and the Air Support Division. Grant funds will also be used to 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 CAO goes on to report that the City's research partner JSS has developed problem solving techniques using computer analytic tools to increase police officer / investigator efficiency in reducing the incidence of gun violence.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept the supplemental grant award and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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