

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2012 Port Security grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Air Support Division.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2012 Port Security Grant Program award in the amount of \$784,119 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award and to negotiate, execute, and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339/70.
 - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$1,045,492 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$784,119 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds.
 - b. Appropriate \$261,373 from receipts from the 2008 disposal of surplus helicopters within Fund 885/70, and transfer therefrom to Fund 339/70, appropriation account to be determined, for the 25 percent matching fund requirement for the 2012 Port Security Grant Program.
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. Approval of the above recommendations will allow for the expenditure of the 2012 Port Security Grant Program award totaling \$784,119 from the Department of Homeland Security. The Port Security Grant Program requires a 25 percent match, which will be satisfied using \$261,373 from a portion of the sale of two surplus helicopters in 2008. Funding for the match is available from the Police Department Trust Fund. These actions are in compliance with City financial policies in that grant funds and special designated funds are sufficient to support the grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated November 20, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD seeks retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$784,119 grant award for the 2012 Port Security Grant Program, and approval of related actions. According to the CAO, grant funds will allow the LAPD to purchase a microwave downlink system for Air Support Division aircraft and LAPD vehicles; fixed receivers at the Port of Los Angeles; and upgraded antenna systems at Mount Lee. LAPD's Air Support Division will use the microwave downlink system to transmit encrypted images from the Department's aircraft, which can then be received from several portable and vehicle-mounted receivers that are deployed as needed. The microwave downlink system will be used in concert with media quality high-definition camera systems and thermal imaging cameras to provide visual images as requested to enhance situational awareness at command posts during an unusual occurrence or major incident. The system will be interoperable and compatible with LAPD, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Fire Department, Long Beach Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the United States Coast Guard.

The CAO reports that visual and thermal images, from an airborne perspective, give LAPD's Air Support Division the unique ability to patrol very large areas of the City that are difficult and time consuming to inspect using other means. Patrols can be completed by flying at low altitude for high visibility to create a deterrent or from a high altitude wherein the Department can complete the same assessment while remaining covert.

On March 12, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request to accept this grant. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held November 22, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept the Port Security Grant, and the related actions requested by the Department, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and 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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