

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Victim Assistance Program grant award for use by the City Attorney to provide victim-witness services.

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the contract between the City and the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$962,338 for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Victim Assistance Program grant award in the amount of \$962,338 from the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$962,338 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund 368 as follows:

Account 12K301 FY 13-14 Victim Assistance Program \$962,338
4. TRANSFER up to \$959,201 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12K301 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts upon receipt of reimbursement.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary 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 the total cost of the Victim Assistance Program is \$1,147,140, of which \$962,338 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits. The General Fund impact will be \$184,802 for related costs. The acceptance of the use of the grant funds is 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 14, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$962,338 in grant funding for the 34th year of the Victim Assistance Program. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services awarded the County of Los Angeles \$3,849,352 to provide victim-witness services. \$962,338 will be awarded by the County of Los Angeles to the City Attorney's Office. Grant funds will be used for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits for 11 regular authority positions (nine full-time victim advocates and two administrative support positions). According to the CAO, program services include crisis intervention, resource and referral assistance, assistance with victim of crime claims, restitution assistance, and funeral arrangements. The victim advocates are assigned to Los Angeles Police Department divisions and City Attorney branch

offices. During Fiscal Year 2012-13, 7,944 victims received services. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At its meeting held August 23, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept this grant award and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	YES

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