

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to modifying the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program grant award to extend the term and change funding allocations.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to accept the no-cost time extension for the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, extending the grant term six months, through March 31, 2015.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to reprogram funds totaling \$368,397 within the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations from the Police Department Grants Fund 339/70, Account No. 70J533 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Grant, to the General Services Department for laboratory renovation services, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 339/70	70J533 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Grant	\$295,055

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To: 100/40	001101 Hiring Hall Construction	\$100,000
100/40	001121 Benefits Hiring Hall Construction	50,000
100/40	003180 Construction Materials	<u>145,055</u>
		Total: \$295,055

4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's 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. The 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program costs are reimbursable. The above recommendations comply with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time purposes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**SUMMARY**

In a report to Council dated November 12, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAPD requests authority to extend the term and modify funding amounts within the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award. The total approved funding amount of \$1,447,163 will remain the same. On October 7, 2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

According to the CAO, the major objective of this grant program is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) by up to 340 cases. The original grant authorized the LAPD to reduce this backlog by using a combination of employee overtime, training, new technology equipment, and contract laboratory services. The proposed grant budget modifications will reallocate funding in the amount of \$368,397 to complete renovations of LAPD's Piper Technical Center DNA laboratory in order to accommodate the entire SDU and bring the workspace into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held November 14, 2014, the Committee Vice-Chair and Member recommended that Council authorize LAPD to modify the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award to extend the term and reallocate budgeted funds, 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:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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