

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the term of, and modifying funding amounts for the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) 2012 Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Backlog Reduction Program grant award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to reprogram funds totaling \$498,252 within the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ).
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the NIJ no-cost extension for the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program, extending the grant term for six months, through September 30, 2014.
 - b. Execute an amendment to Contract No. C-121595 between the City of Los Angeles and The Bode Technology Group, Inc., extending the payment term of the grant under the agreement to September 30, 2014, subject to the sole source approval, and the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - c. Execute an amendment to Contract No. C-122276 between the City of Los Angeles and Cellmark Forensics, Inc., extending the payment term of the grant under the agreement to September 30, 2014, subject to the sole source approval, and the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Increase appropriations as needed from Police Department Grants Fund 339/70, Account No. 70J533 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Grant, to Fund 100/70, Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$218,840.
 - b. Transfer appropriations from Fund 339/70, Account No. 70J533 to the Department of General Services and the Information Technology Agency 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	\$242,605

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To: 100/40	001101 Hiring Hall Construction	\$42,049
100/40	001121 Benefits Hiring Hall Construction	28,032
100/40	003180 Construction Materials	105,121
100/32	009350 Communication Services	<u>67,403</u>

Total: \$242,605

4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the Council agenda on July 1, 2014, or the first

meeting thereafter, the following instructions:

AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to:

- a. Increase appropriations as needed from Police Department Grants Fund 339/70, Account No. 70J533 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Grant, to Fund 100/70, Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$171,330.
- b. Transfer appropriations from Fund 339/70, Account No. 70J533 to the Department of General Services 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	\$175,201

<u>Fund/Dept No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To: 100/40	001101 Hiring Hall Construction	\$42,049
100/40	001121 Benefits Hiring Hall Construction	28,032
100/40	003180 Construction Materials	<u>105,120</u>
	Total:	\$175,201

5. 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. Although approval of the above recommendations will reduce the amount of funds available to reimburse the General Fund for administrative costs by \$33,061, no additional appropriation from the General Fund is needed at this time, as funds for the costs are already provided in the 2013-14 Budget. The above recommendations comply with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated May 21, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD requests approval to modify funding amounts within the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant provided by the NIJ. The LAPD also requests approval of a six-month extension of the grant period ending September 30, 2014. The total approved funding amount of \$1,447,163 will remain the same, and the modification has been approved by the NIJ. On April 8, 2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

According to the CAO, The major objective of the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit by up to 340 cases. The original grant authorized LAPD to reduce this backlog using a combination of employee overtime, training, new technology, equipment, and

contract laboratory services. The CAO reports that requested program changes include reprogramming funds towards renovating the DNA laboratory at the City's Piper Technical Center facility and providing additional overtime in the amount of \$260,349 for LAPD staff to process cases and validate equipment.

The CAO notes that due to the increase of in-house case processing, the need to use contract laboratory services is reduced. The CAO also states that the original grant approval omitted an instruction to increase appropriations in LAPD's budget for civilian overtime, and later increased for a current amount of \$129,821. This authority, along with the requested increase of \$260,349, is now included in the recommendations above. Other budget modifications include \$237,903 for renovations at the Piper Tech facility. Savings resulting from the reduction of contract laboratory use will be made available for the renovations. The CAO report goes on to discuss other grant budget modifications related to equipment and software purchases, and training and program administration.

At its meeting held May 23, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAPD to modify 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award funding amounts, 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:	YES

JAW

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