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October 7, 2014

BPC #14-0366

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2014-2016
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT GRANT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 7, 2014, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

Richard M. TeFank
RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
10/2/14
DATE

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2014-2016
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT GRANT

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to ACCEPT the grant award for the 2014-2016 Intellectual Property Enforcement Grant in the amount up to \$456,413 for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016, from the Bureau of Justice Administration, United States Department of Justice;
 - B. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to spend up to the grant amount of \$456,413 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - C. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to negotiate and execute the Cooperative Agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality;
 - D. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - E. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a grant receivable and establish an appropriations account, account number to be determined within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for disbursement of the 2014-2016 Intellectual Property Enforcement Grant in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - F. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations for 2014-2016 Intellectual Property Enforcement Grant as needed from appropriation account number to be determined in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092, Sworn Overtime:

\$ 300,000

- G. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations for 2014-2016 Intellectual Property Enforcement Grant, as needed from appropriation account to be determined in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70 to the City Attorney's Office Fund No. 100, Department No. 12, in the amount as follows:

Account No. 001010, Salary General	\$ 117,657
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- H. TRANSFER up to \$38,756 from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, appropriation account number to be determined, to the General Fund 100, Department No. 12, Revenue Source Code 5301, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;
- I. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller Instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the Controller to implement the instructions; and
- J. RESOLVE that employment in the City Attorney's Office for the period of October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016, for one Deputy City Attorney II (0551) position is APPROVED and exempt this position from the hiring freeze.

DISCUSSION

The LAPD was a recipient of the FY 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013 Intellectual Property Enforcement grants. As a result of grant funding, LAPD has been able to dramatically strengthen its efforts in combating the proliferation of counterfeit goods; enforcing copyright, trademark, and patent laws; and deterring organized counterfeit manufacturing and distribution rings.

As the LAPD gained a deeper understanding of the counterfeit goods landscape, there continued to be a remarkable amount of repeat offenders of intellectual property (IP) crimes. The LAPD estimates that approximately 75% of IP crime arrestees have prior violations. Solving this problem calls for overcoming the hurdles of easy penalties, lucrative financial gains in selling fake goods, and the relative ease in participating in this type of criminal activity, which leads to increased recidivism.

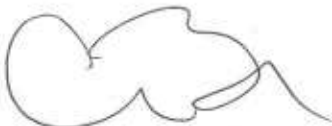
The LAPD will use the \$456,413 grant award to fund a project entitled "*Reducing and Preventing Intellectual Property Crime in the City of Los Angeles*." The LAPD Anti-Piracy Unit, working in partnership with the Los Angeles City Attorney, proposes a multi-faceted approach to continue to reduce and prevent IP crime in Los Angeles. The long-term goal of the LAPD is to reduce the supply of and demand for pirated merchandise and counterfeit activities in Los Angeles so significantly that one day, little if any IP criminal activity will take place here. The region will become inhospitable for both sellers and buyers. This overarching goal may at first seem unattainable, until you step back and realize that during the past 10 years we have already started moving in this direction and will continue to move forward by achieving the following objectives under the proposed grant: 1. Reduce the supply side of IP crime by reducing the number of repeat IP crime offenses and the number of chronic IP crime locations or "hot

spots;" 2. Develop and evaluate additional strategies to address the changing trends and kinds of IP crime and to prevent IP crime linkages to other national/international crimes; 3. Reduce the demand for IP crime by educating the public about the economic and personal dangers of IP crime; and 4. Prevent IP crime displacement by sharing best practices.

The LAPD will allocate \$300,000 for sworn overtime to investigators in the Anti-Piracy Unit to implement strategies and tactics in fighting highly-organized and upwardly mobile repeat offenders. The City Attorney's office has been allocated \$117,657 for salary costs and \$38,756 for fringe costs to fund a Deputy City Attorney II who will dedicate 50% of their time to prosecute Intellectual Property related crimes as well as participate in task force efforts, training and outreach. Additional prosecutorial resources will address a significant gap in IP criminal case filings. Following City Attorney staff reductions during the City's fiscal crisis, criminal IP case filing rates dropped more than 70% from 2009 to 2013. Through grant resources, a Deputy City Attorney will implement a vertical prosecution approach to IP enforcement to improve public safety. This approach entails direct handling of criminal IP matters investigated by LAPD's Anti-Piracy Unit commencing with case filing through the criminal prosecution steps and ongoing sentencing compliance thereafter.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Information Officer Maggie Goodrich, Commanding Officer, Information Technology Bureau, at (213) 486-0370.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *October 7, 2014*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments