

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Victim Assistance Program grant award for use by the City Attorney.

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 for the Victim Assistance Program grant award in the amount of \$993,333 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept Victim Assistance Program grant funding in the amount of \$993,333 from the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$993,333 from the County of Los Angeles.
  - b. Establish the appropriation account within Fund 368, as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12L301 FY 14-15 Victim Assistance Program	\$993,333

4. TRANSFER up to \$980,412 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L301 to Fund 100/12, 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 \$1,303,634, of which \$993,333 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits. The General Fund impact will be \$310,301 in related costs for central services and department administration. 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 October 17, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requesting authority to accept \$993,333 in grant funding for the 35th year of the Victim Assistance Program. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services awarded the County of Los Angeles \$3,973,333 to provide victim-witness services. Of this amount, \$993,333 will be awarded by the County of Los Angeles to the City Attorney.

According to the CAO, grant funding will provide for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe

benefits for 11 regular authority positions (nine full-time victim advocates and two administrative support positions). Staff provides services to victims of crime and survivors of homicide victims including 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. According to the City Attorney's Office, 7,429 victims received services in 2013-14. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At its meeting held October 24, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept Victim Assistance Program grant award and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by 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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