

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Victim Compensation Board, Joint Powers of Verification Unit grant award in the amount of \$689,354 for use by the City Attorney during the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles for the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Claims Verification Program for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or his designee, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$689,354 from the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and the County of Los Angeles for the grant performance period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$689,354 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund 368 as follows:

Account 12M501 - FY 15-16 JPVU - \$689,354
 - c. Transfer \$516,156 from Fund 368/12, Account 12M501 to Fund 100/12, Account 001010, Salaries General.
4. TRANSFER up to \$170,022 from Fund 368/12, Account 12M501 to Fund 100/12, Account 5361, Related Cost Reimb-Others, 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 Joint Powers of Verification Unit Program is \$906,087, of which \$689,354 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, fringe benefits, and expenses. The General Fund impact will be \$216,733 in central services costs and department administration costs. The acceptance of the use of the grant is consistent with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from the continuation of the grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on August 4, 2015, your Public Safety Committee considered a CAO report relative to the City Attorney's Office request for authority to accept \$689,354 in grant funding for the Joint Powers of Verification Unit (JPVU). The State of California's Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board awarded the County of Los Angeles \$8,272,242 for a three-year

grant from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. The County awarded \$2,068,062, or \$689,354 annually, to the City as a subgrantee. This request to accept \$689,354 in grant funding pertains to the first year of the grant program, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Acceptance of grant funding for the next two years will be requested in the future. There is no required match for this grant, however, the City will be required to contribute \$216,733 in central services costs and department administration costs. No additional General Fund appropriations are necessary. Grant funding will provide for salaries, fringe benefits and operating expenses for eight positions. These positions will assist victims of crime in submitting and verifying claims for unreimbursed financial losses. According to the City Attorney's Office, approximately 2,470 new claims and 14,892 continuing claims for medical/mental health expenses, loss of support, wage loss, funeral expenses and moving/relocation expenses were processed in 2014-15. No additional position authorities are requested as these positions are authorized through the 2015-16 Personnel Authority Resolution.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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