

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant funding from the County of Los Angeles for the City Attorney in support of the Homeless Court Program.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
  - a. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles (attached to the Council file) in the amount of \$89,000 to support the Homeless Court Program from October 29, 2014 to March 5, 2015.
  - b. Execute the accompanying MOU on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. ACCEPT the grant funding in the amount of \$89,000 from the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$89,000 from the County of Los Angeles.
  - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund 368, as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12L860 Homeless Court	\$89,000
  - c. Upon receipt of funds, transfer \$89,000 from Fund 368, Account 12L860, Homeless Court to Fund 100/12, Revenue Source Code 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, 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 approval of the City Attorney's request will allow for the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$89,000 from the County of Los Angeles for the Homeless Court Program. Total program cost is \$115,673, of which \$89,000 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles. The General Fund impact will be \$26,273 for overhead costs (central services and department administration) not reimbursed by the grant. No additional appropriation is needed. There is no matching requirement for this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated March 5, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$89,000 in grant funding from the

County of Los Angeles for the Homeless Court Program. The CAO reports that the Homeless Court Program assists homeless individuals or those at risk for homelessness to resolve legal issues, such as minor traffic citations, warrants, and quality of life citations.

According to the CAO, grant funds will be used to reimburse the General Fund for salary expenditures for one Deputy City Attorney III, one Deputy City Attorney IV, one Legal Secretary, and one temporary Legal Clerk. These positions provide legal and administrative support for the program, including reviewing case files, assessing eligibility, executing dismissal motions, and preparing correspondence. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At its meeting held March 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept the 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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