

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a grant award from the Verizon Wireless Foundation for use by the City Attorney to enhance the Victim Assistance Program.

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 of Los Angeles and Peace Over Violence to accept the Verizon Wireless Foundation's Technology Grant Award in the amount of \$125,000 for the grant performance period January 15, 2015 to January 15, 2016.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new appropriation account 12L820, within Fund 368 entitled Victim Assistance Program Mobile App, in the amount of \$125,000.
3. 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.
4. REQUEST that the City Attorney report to the Public Safety Committee in one year relative to the status of the implementation of the Web Interface Case Management System and the mobile application, and the number of Victim Assistance Program service recipients who used the system and application.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action complies with City financial policies. Approval of the above actions will allow for the disbursement of Verizon Wireless Foundation's Technology grant award from Peace Over Violence. There is no required match for this grant. Funding for the estimated \$20,000 in ongoing costs for this project has not been identified at this time. The City Attorney's Office intends to evaluate the effectiveness of this application during the performance period and will seek additional grant funding to fund the ongoing costs, based upon the success of the project.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 11, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept grant funding in the amount of \$125,000 for the Victim Assistance Program. The grant funds are from the Verizon Wireless Foundation and pass through the non-profit organization Peace Over Violence. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

The CAO reports that the grant funds will cover the costs of the design, development, maintenance, and support of a Web Interface Case Management System, a mobile application, and a video conferencing component for the Victim Assistance Program. The Web Interface Case Management System and mobile application will provide users program information and services, including information on the California State Victim Compensation Program process and eligibility criteria, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to commonly used resources. Grant funds will be used for a personal services contract to develop the Web Interface Case Management System and mobile application, the purchase of video conferencing

equipment and monthly services fees, and first year maintenance.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the City Attorney's Office. At that time, Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept the grant, as recommended by the CAO. Committee further recommended that Council request the City Attorney to report relative to the number of program service recipients who use the Web Interface Case Management System and mobile application.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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