

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, Joint Powers of Verification Unit (JPVU) Sub-Award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept and execute the grant award agreement in the amount of \$772,076 for continuation funding in support of the JPVU from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
2. ACCEPT the funding in the amount of \$772,076 from the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and the County of Los Angeles (County).
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable from the County in the amount of \$772,076.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund No. 368/12: Account No. 12T501- Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 JPVU - \$772,076.
 - c. Transfer \$527,525 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12T501 to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 1010- Salaries, General.
 - d. Transfer, upon receipt of grant funds, up to \$240,657 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12T501 to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 5346, Related Cost Reimbursements-Grant Funds.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Attorney reports that the General Fund contribution is \$264,554 for related indirect costs (Central Services and Department Administration) not reimbursed from the grant. These costs are associated to existing staff positions and are included in the adopted FY 2020-21 Budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 25, 2020, your Committee considered a July 15, 2020 City Attorney report relative to the JPVU Sub-Award for \$772,076 for continuation funding in support of the JPVU from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (FY 2020-21). According to the City Attorney, the JPVU enhances the City's existing services by allowing the program to expedite the "Victims of Crime Compensation Claims" verification and reimbursement process for victims who are entitled to financial assistance. The JPVU grant is funded through the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, Government Code Section 13959 states that it is in the public interest to assist residents of the State of California in obtaining restitution for the pecuniary losses they suffer as a

direct result of criminal acts. Under this code, certain victims of crime may receive payment for unreimbursed losses directly resulting from a crime. During the first eleven months of FY 2019-20, the JPVU processed 4,104 new claims and 8,009 bills related to medical/mental health expenses, loss of support, wage loss, funeral/burial and/or moving/relocation expenses for ongoing claims previously processed. The value of FY 2019-20 claims processed has exceeded \$4.33 million. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the grant funding as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| RYU: | YES |
| LEE: | YES |

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