

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed contract amendment to Contract No. C-133903 with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. Justice and Security Strategies) to increase its budget by \$150,000.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. (Contract No. C-133903) to increase its budget by \$150,000 and expand its scope of work, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, 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 approval of the recommendations contained in the October 21, 2021 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will have no additional impact to the General Fund. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the October 21, 2021 CAO report, attached to the Council File, are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 3, 2021, your Committee considered an October 21, 2021 CAO and October 5, 2021 Police Commission reports relative to proposed contract amendment to Contract No. C-133903 with Justice and Security Strategies to increase its budget by \$150,000. According to the CAO, the LAPD is requesting authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with Justice and Security Strategies (Contract No. C-133903), in relation to the Fiscal Year 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Program grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. On April 26, 2021, the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) adopted a report related to SPI Program grant modifications and contracting authority. The report recommendations included a recommendation to authorize the LAPD to negotiate and execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with Justice and Security Strategies. The report was referred to the CAO on May 21, 2021.

On June 22, 2021, Council adopted the recommendations contained our subsequent report related to SPI Program grant modifications and contracting authority. In September 2021, the LAPD informed the CAO that the agreement number included in the original

report was incorrect, as it referenced a different agreement number with the same contractor (JSS). LAPD staff subsequently submitted a report to the Board to correct the error. The updated Board report was adopted by the BOPC on October 5, 2021, and referred for report on October 20, 2021. The 2018 SPI Program grant provides funding to police agencies to identify and address the most pressing crime problems; to institute lasting operational and organizational changes; and, to foster reliance on evidence-based practices, data, and technology.

The initial SPI Program grant budget allocated \$150,000 to the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to assist with machine learning, deep neural networks, and other advanced mathematical techniques. However, UCLA was unable to enter into contract with the LAPD. The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has approved LAPD's budget modification request for UCLA's allocation to be added to the JSS contract (Contract No. C-133903) to perform the scope of work originally contracted to UCLA. The JSS will now collaborate with Indiana University using machine learning techniques to analyze homicide data. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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