

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) or designee, to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the award for the FY 2021-22 STEP from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$5,076,000 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.
  - b. Execute the 2021-22 STEP Grant Agreement on behalf of the City and submit the necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
  - c. Execute a Professional Services Agreement with one selected vendor, for a term of twelve months within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$50,000, for the provision of phlebotomist services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
  
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
  - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$5,076,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
  - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339/70.
  - c. Prepare Controller's 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.
  
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$5,076,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the disbursement of the FY 2021-22 STEP grant funds.
  - b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the FY 2021-22 STEP grant, account number to be determined, Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No. 100/70, account number and amounts as follows:

- i. Account No. 1092, Overtime Sworn, \$ 4,000,000
- ii. Account No. 1090, Overtime Civilian, \$ 200,000

4. AUTHORIZE and INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:

- a. Place the following action relative to the FY 2021-22 STEP Grant on the City Council Agenda on **July 1, 2022** or on the first meeting day thereafter:
  - i. Authorize the Controller to transfer from Fund No. 339/70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn, \$ 555,800

Account No. 001090, Overtime Civilian, \$ 42,000

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the October 19, 2021 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will allow for the expenditure of the FY 2021-22 STEP grant award totaling \$5,076,000. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the October 19, 2021 CAO report, attached to the Council File, are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 3, 2021, your Committee considered October 19, 2021 CAO and September 22, 2021 Police Commission reports relative to the FY 2021-22 STEP grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$5,076,000 grant award for the 2021-22 STEP and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and the OTS for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Grant funds will provide support for the implementation of the STEP to address traffic safety issues. There are no matching funds required. Over the past year, over 500 people were killed or injured in driving under the influence (DUI) traffic crashes in the City of Los Angeles. The increase in DUI individuals on the roadways of the City is evident based on the results of DUI checkpoints coordinated by the LAPD.

In 2018, 72 percent of the drivers arrested at DUI checkpoints were for alcohol intoxication and 28 percent for drug impairment, or a combination of both alcohol and drug influence. In 2020, 55 percent of the drivers arrested at DUI checkpoints were for alcohol and 45 percent for drugs or a combination of both alcohol and drugs. In the City of Los Angeles,

the leading primary crash factors (PCF) identified in traffic collisions were speed, right of way, and pedestrian violations.

In 2020, the top three PCFs accounted for 81 percent (189) of the total number of 233 fatal traffic collisions, and 64 percent (11,046) of the total number of 17,284 injury traffic collisions. Funding from the FY 2021-22 STEP Grant will help address this issue by utilizing enforcement and innovative strategies to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions. The OTS, awarded the LAPD \$5,076,000 in grant funds to focus on DUI and traffic enforcement. The FY 2021-22 STEP Grant will be managed and coordinated through the LAPD's Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, within the Transit Services Bureau, and funds will primarily be utilized to deploy police officers on an overtime basis in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and personal injuries due to traffic collisions. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the October 19, 2021 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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