

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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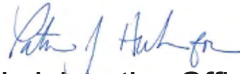
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Council File No. 21-1407

Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated November 23, 2021

Subject: **2021 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and subsequently accept the grant award for the Fiscal Year 2021 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (FY 2021 IPEP) in the amount of \$400,000 for the period of October 2, 2021 through September 30, 2023, from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$400,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
 - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$400,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 2021 IPEP grant funds;

- b. Transfer appropriations for the FY 2021 IPEP as needed from appropriation account, account number to be determined, in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092	Overtime, Sworn	\$ 100,000
Account No. 001090	Overtime, Civilian	\$ 6,000

- c. Transfer from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, appropriation account, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 12, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001010	Salaries, General	\$ 15,072
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4. Instruct the City Clerk to:

- a. Place the following action relative to the FY 2021 IPEP grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2022 or the first meeting day thereafter:

1. Authorize the Controller to transfer funds from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department number and account number and amount as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
339/70	TBD	TBD	\$ 210,826
Total			\$ 210,826

TRANSFER TO:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/70	001092	Overtime, Sworn	\$ 140,000
100/70	001090	Overtime, Civilian	6,000
100/12	001010	Salaries, General	64,826
Total			\$ 210,826

- b. Place the following action relative to the FY 2021 IPEP grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2023 or the first meeting day thereafter:

1. Authorize the Controller to transfer funds from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department number and account number and amount as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
339/70	TBD	TBD	\$ 40,302
Total			\$ 40,302

TRANSFER TO:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/70	001092	Overtime, Sworn	\$ 20,200
100/12	001010	Salaries, General	20,102
Total			\$ 40,302

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$400,000 grant award for the Fiscal Year 2021 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (FY 21 IPEP) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration. The grant award has a performance period of October 2, 2021 through September 30, 2023. No matching funds are required.

The LAPD has been an annual recipient of the IPEP grant since FY 2009 with the exception of FY 2012 and 2015 when the LAPD did not apply for the grant. Through this grant funding, the LAPD has been able to strengthen its efforts in combating the proliferation of counterfeit goods; enforcing copyright, trademark, and patent laws; and, deterring organized counterfeit manufacturing and distribution rings.

Through this grant award, the LAPD Commercial Crimes Division’s Intellectual Property Crime Unit (IPCU) will continue its multi-faceted approach to reduce and prevent Intellectual Property (IP) crime in Los Angeles through enforcement, analytical strategies, and enhanced public awareness of IP crime. The IPCU will implement strategies and tactics in fighting highly organized and upwardly mobile repeat offenders. These investigative efforts represent a large potential in curbing the rise of counterfeit products in Southern California. The grant award will enable the LAPD to augment anti-piracy efforts in a broader and deeper scale by providing hours to conduct more in-depth and additional investigations on an overtime basis. The IPCU will also expand efforts to organize and participate in training classes and public education campaigns, primarily through producing and distributing public service announcements over television and radio.

The LAPD will allocate \$260,200 for LAPD sworn overtime and \$100,000 to the City Attorney’s Office to partially fund a Deputy City Attorney II position. Grant funds are also allocated to training (\$23,200), supplies (\$4,600), and grant administrative support (\$12,000). The Deputy City Attorney II will dedicate a portion of their time to prosecute Intellectual Property-related crimes. The Deputy City Attorney II position assigned to the Intellectual Property program is included in the City Attorney’s Personnel Authority Resolution. Although no matching funds are required for this grant, the City must cover the remaining salary costs. The City Attorney Consumer Protection Trust Fund will provide the balance of the position costs. These costs are already included in the Adopted Budget and do not represent any additional General Fund impact.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2021 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program grant award totaling \$400,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

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