


REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo,  City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated September 20, 2022; referred for report October 21, 2022; supplemental information received October 26, 2022

Subject: **2022-23 ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve and authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to retroactively apply for and accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Program grant, in the amount of \$75,000, from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, for a one-year term beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and negotiate and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$75,000, to account to be determined, within Fund 339, Department 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds;
3. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) to deposit the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds received under this agreement into Fund 339, Department 70, account to be determined;
4. Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations and transfer, as necessary, the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds, Fund 339, Department 70, account to be determined, to Fund 100 Department 70, upon submission of proper documentation by the Department for sworn salary costs incurred during the grant performance period, as follows:

| Account No. | Account Name | Amount |
|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 001012 | Salaries Sworn | \$42,464 |
| 001092 | Overtime Sworn | \$28,268 |

5. Authorize the Controller to transfer funds, for salaries sworn reimbursement purposes, up to \$4,268 for related costs of sworn staff on overtime from the FY 2022-23 APP grant funds,

Fund 339, Department 70, account to be determined, and deposit into Fund 100, Department 70, Revenue Source Code 5346 Related Cost Reimbursements from Grants, upon submission of proper documentation by the Department;

6. Instruct the Department in future grant applications, to prioritize and request sufficient grant reimbursements for Sworn Salaries and eligible related costs associated with the program, in order to fully support resources assigned to Operation ABC; and,
7. Authorize the Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

At its meeting on September 20, 2022, the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) approved the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) report for the grant application and acceptance of the 2022-23 Alcohol Policing Partnership grant award. In accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and through the Board, the Department transmits the proposed grant application and requests retroactive approval to apply for and accept the grant award in the amount of \$75,000 from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a one-year term beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

The Department has been a recipient of the Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant for 27 years. Funding will be used to support the implementation of Operation ABC. The Department's Gang and Narcotic Division will continue ABC enforcement and prevention efforts and will identify disorderly outlets, reduce ABC violations, and address ABC-related quality of life issues. Operation ABC is staffed by two Sergeant IIs who are responsible for the day-to-day implementation of this program. There are over 6,240 Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) licensed locations within the City. The Department reports that investigations into ABC locations resulted in 396 arrests over the past seven years.

Under the terms of the grant award, the Department will develop an effective, comprehensive and strategic approach to eliminate the crime and public nuisance problems associated with problematic alcoholic beverage outlets. The Department will raise public awareness that selling and/or serving alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age is a criminal violation that will be prosecuted. Activities will focus on preventing sales of alcoholic beverages to minors and intoxicated patrons, and the illegal solicitation of alcohol, in order to reduce underage drinking and DUI driving. The Department will conduct the following programs:

- Minor Decoy – Educate and deter licensed locations from selling/furnishing alcohol to minors;
- Shoulder Tap – Detect and deter adults unaffiliated with the business license who furnish alcohol for minors outside of a licensed business; and,
- Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies inspections – Educate licensee's on alcohol-related laws.

The Department's proposed grant budget included \$64,631 for Sworn Overtime, \$6,101 in Related

Costs, \$2,500 for the purchase of a laptop, and \$1,768 for travel, and eliminates all related cost reimbursements for direct salaries. However, it is recommended that the Department’s proposed budget for the grant award continue to maintain a portion of related cost reimbursements for Fringe Benefits for the direct salaries of one Police Sergeant II, in order to minimize the impact to the General Fund. In addition, consistent with prior awards and as stated in the grant proposal budget detail submitted by Department, it is recommended that the designated funds for travel and equipment be reprogrammed for overtime related costs. The revised grant budget is as follows:

| Expense Category | Amount |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Fringe Benefits (Direct) | \$ 42,464 |
| Sworn Overtime | 28,268 |
| Benefits (Overtime) | 4,268 |
| Total | \$75,000 |

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6, Mayor and Council approval is required for acceptance of the grant award before the Department can receive any grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) to accept a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for participation in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Alcohol Policing Partnership Program. Given that the grant award is not sufficient to capture all salaries and related cost reimbursements, the General Fund will absorb the remaining \$251,196 in salaries for two Police Sergeant IIs, \$222,624 in Fringe Benefits, and an additional \$194,139 associated with Central Services, Department Administration and Support, and CTO rates. It is recommended that the Department, in future grant applications include sufficient grant funds to recover eligible direct salaries and related costs reimbursements to reduce the impact to the General Fund. There is no matching requirement associated with this grant award. The recommendations include reprogramming of grant funds for a portion of related costs for sworn overtime (\$4,268), which will be deposited into Revenue Source Code 5346, Related Cost Reimbursements from Grants. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report comply with the City’s Financial Policies in that current one-time funding will be utilized for one-time expenditures.