

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant award of \$138,270 for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept a grant award of \$138,270 in connection with the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.
 - b. Negotiate and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant funds, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$138,270 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339/70.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$138,270 within the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339/70, account number to be determined, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program grant funds.
4. 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.
5. NOTE and FILE the December 21, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners (Board) report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the April 2, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will authorize the LAPD to retroactively accept the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program grant award of \$138,270 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the term beginning on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. No matching funds are required for this grant. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the April 2, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant-eligible costs are fully covered by grant award funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 9, 2024, your Committee considered December 21, 2023 Board and April 2, 2024 CAO reports relative to grant award of \$138,270 for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$138,270 grant award for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program from April 02, 2024. The grant award has a performance period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. The LAPD's Technical Investigation Division (TID) operates a laboratory that provides forensic support to investigative personnel in the disciplines of electronics, latent print, photography, and polygraph. The TID's current instrumentation for latent print detection, capture, and enhancement of latent print is not up-to-date and is limiting the quality of available latent print forensics. In utilizing this grant award, the LAPD intends to implement the LAPD 2023 Technical Investigation Improvement Project. The goal of the proposed project is to establish improvements to increase the quality and timeliness of latent forensic services provided by the LAPD for the benefit of investigators, prosecutors and community members affected by the investigation process.

The LAPD will allocate grant funding for the purchase of \$123,100 in equipment and \$15,170 in supplies. The equipment to be acquired includes a Crime-lite® laser kit, modules, flexible tools, portable cameras and lasers. The supplies include camera lens, alternate light sources, and various accessories to allow for a timely and quality digital upload and analysis. With the addition of this equipment, the TID will be afforded the ability to increase the scope and variety of latent print evidence that can be processed. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and to note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

| COUNCILMEMBER | VOTE |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | ABSENT |
| LEE: | YES |
| McOSKER: | YES |

| COUNCILMEMBER | VOTE |
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| PARK: | YES |
| SOTO-MARTINEZ: | YES |

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