

REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated October 25, 2023

Subject: **2021 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE GRANT PROGRAM – APPLICATION AND SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD**

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 accept the second supplemental grant award for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program in the amount of \$1,151,649 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice;
- b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
- c. Negotiate and execute either new agreements or amend any agreements with affiliate Task Force agencies in collaboration to prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute internet crimes against children, 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 \$1,151,649 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; and

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Increase grant receivables and appropriate \$1,151,649 to Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program grant funds;
- b. Increase appropriations by \$210,000 for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amount as follows:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$ 30,000
Account No. 001092	Overtime Sworn	\$ 180,000

- c. Increase appropriations by \$18,498 for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, account name Related Costs; and,
4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on the Council Calendar on July 1, 2024, the following actions relative to the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to:

- a. Transfer appropriations of \$61,000 from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, Account No. 70V416, to Fund No. 100, Department 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$ 7,000
Account No. 001092	Overtime Sworn	\$ 54,000

- b. Transfer appropriations of \$5,450 for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program as needed from Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, account name Related Costs.

SUMMARY

In 2021, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was awarded \$947,074 for the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. Supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,090,276 was awarded in 2022, and a second supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,151,649 was awarded in 2023 for a total of \$3,188,999.

The LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept the \$1,151,649 second supplemental grant award for the 2021 ICAC Task Force Program from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice. The supplemental grant

award has a performance period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. There is no match requirement for this grant. Since 2003, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has provided continuous supplemental funding to LAPD's ICAC Task Force Program. Funds provided under this program are intended to:

- Coordinate, plan, and organize the 102 law enforcement agencies affiliated with the LA ICAC Task Force as directed by the ICAC Commander and Program Director;
- Ensure local and law enforcement agencies are better equipped to investigate computer crimes against children by offenders using the Internet, online communication systems, and other technologies;
- Prosecute cases at the local, state and federal level;
- Provide educational programs and computer safety tips for law enforcement officers, teachers, parents, and children;
- Serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies within the service area; and,
- Participate in nationally coordinated investigations.

The LAPD will allocate grant award funds for the following activities:

- Sworn and Civilian overtime to support the task force activities that include follow-ups, internet safety presentations, site visits, investigations to intercept potential suspects, forensic investigations, hands-on training, victim interviews, review cyber tips, performing special details and operations, and executing time-sensitive search warrants;
- Sworn (9.44-percent) and Civilian (5.02-percent) overtime fringe benefits from the approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) 41;
- Travel costs for training seminars and conferences to aid the Task Force in its investigative techniques including ICAC Supervisory Quarterly meetings, ICAC National Conference, Magnet User Summit, Florida ICAC Conference, and Northwest Regional ICAC Conference;
- Supplies costs to purchase 400 flash drives, 400 hard drives, 14 laptops, 12 Dell XPS desktop computers, eight Forensic Gaming laptops, and general office supplies;
- Consultant costs for affiliate agencies to attend training and conferences including ICAC National Conference, ICAC Investigative Techniques Training, Florida ICAC Conference, Northwest Regional ICAC Conference, Child Abuse Investigations Training, Protecting Children Online Training, and Child Sexual Exploitation Investigations Training; and,
- Other costs such as forensic, Magnet AXIOM™ and other software, Cellebrite licenses and renewals, cellular phone, and internet services, and registration fees for various conferences and training.

ICAC Task Force Program Metrics

The LA ICAC Task Force received 24,192 CyberTips in 2021 and 36,575 CyberTips in 2022, representing a 51% increase. In 2022, the Task Force also completed 92 Federal search warrants and 40 subpoenas, obtained 4,357 State/Local search warrants and 451 subpoenas, and made 960 arrests on complaints filed.

ICAC Grant Award Program Expenses

A summary of the 2021 ICAC grant award expense categories is provided in the chart below. A detail of these expenses can be found under the Budget Detail Summary View in the grant award documents included in the Board Transmittal.

Expense Category	Amount
Personnel (Overtime Sworn)	\$ 234,000
Personnel (Overtime Civilian)	37,000
Fringe Benefits	23,948
Travel	45,776
Supplies	202,385
Consultant services	115,400
Other costs	493,140
Total	\$ 1,151,649

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6, Mayor and Council approval of the grant award is required before accepting and receiving the grant award.

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 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program grant award totaling \$1,151,649 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice. 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 recommendations stated in this report comply with the City’s Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.