

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or his designee to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award for the FY 2023 IPEP in the amount of \$375,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ).
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$375,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the LAPD Grant Fund No. 339/70.
 - 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 (CAO); and, authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$375,000 to an appropriation, account name, and account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 2023 IPEP grant funds.
 - b. Transfer appropriations for the FY 2023 IPEP grant, in the amount of \$120,288, from Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No. 100, department numbers, account numbers, account names, and amounts as follows:

Transfer From:

Fund/Dept.	Account No.	Account Name	Amount
339/70	TBD	TBD	\$120,288

Transfer To:

100/70	1092	Overtime Sworn	\$73,400
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Transfer From:			
100/70	1090	Overtime General	2,340
100/70	TBD	Related Costs	7,048
100/12	1010	Salaries General	26,118
100/12	RSC 5346	Related Costs	<u>11,382</u>
			\$120,288

4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:

- a. Place the following action relative to the FY 2023 IPEP grant on the City Council agenda on **July 1, 2024**, or the first meeting day thereafter:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer appropriations for the FY 2023 IPEP grant, in the amount of \$213,102, from Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No. 100, Department numbers, account numbers, account names, and amounts as follows:

Transfer From:			
Fund/Dept.	Account No.	Account Name	Amount
339/70	TBD	TBD	\$213,102
Transfer To:			
100/70	1092	Overtime Sworn	\$146,786
100/70	1090	Overtime General	2,340
100/70	TBD	Related Costs	13,975
100/12	1010	Salaries General	34,825
100/12	RSC 5346	Related Costs	<u>15,176</u>
			\$213,102

- b. Place the following action relative to the FY 2023 IPEP grant on the City Council agenda on **July 1, 2025**, or the first meeting day thereafter: That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer appropriations for the FY 2023 IPEP grant, in the amount of \$41,610, from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, department numbers, account numbers, account names, and amounts as follows:

Transfer From:			
Fund/Dept.	Account No.	Account Name	Amount
339/70	TBD	TBD	\$41,610
Transfer To:			
100/70	1092	Overtime Sworn	\$26,600
100/70	TBD	Related Costs	2,511
100/12	1010	Salaries General	8,705
100/12	RSC 5346	Related Costs	<u>3,794</u>
			\$41,610

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2023 Intellectual Property Enforcement Program grant award totaling \$375,000 from the DOJ. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On November 28, 2023, your Committee considered October 25, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners and November 16, 2023 CAO reports relative to FY 2023 IPEP. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$375,000 grant award for the FY 2023 IPEP from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ). The grant award has a performance period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. 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. Specifically, the proposed effort aims to implement strategies to reduce and prevent the spread of counterfeit/illicit pharmaceutical drugs and electronics/ automobile parts throughout the Los Angeles region and to expand the efforts of the City Attorney by using California Unfair Competition Laws to seek restrictive injunctions and

significant financial penalties to abate counterfeit goods that threaten public health and safety and deprive intellectual property (IP) owners the fruits of their labor. 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 on 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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	NO

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