

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant.

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 the grant award for the FY 2023-24 STEP from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in the amount of \$5,658,000 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.
 - b. Execute the 2023-24 STEP Grant Agreement on behalf of the City and submit the necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
 - c. Execute a Professional Services Agreement with one selected vendor, for a term of 12 months within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$70,000, for the provision of phlebotomist services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$5,658,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the LAPD Grant Trust 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 \$5,658,000 to an appropriation account, account number to be determined within Fund No. 339/70, for the disbursement of the FY 2023-24 STEP grant funds.
 - b. Transfer appropriations within Fund No. 339/70, as detailed in Recommendation No. 3b in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File.
 - c. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the FY 2023-24 STEP grant, account number to be determined, Fund No. 339/70, to Fund No.

100/70, account numbers and amounts, as detailed in Recommendation No. 3c in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File.

4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place the following actions relative to the FY 2023-24 STEP Grant on the City Council Agenda on **July 1, 2024**, or on the first meeting day thereafter:
 - a. Authorize the Controller to transfer appropriations within Fund No. 339/70, as detailed in Recommendation No. 4a in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File.
 - b. Authorize the Controller to transfer from Fund No. 339/70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, account numbers and amounts as detailed in Recommendation No. 4b in the November 16, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File.

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 allow for the expenditure of the FY 2023-24 STEP grant award totaling \$5,658,000 from the OTS. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. 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, are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 28, 2023, your Committee considered a November 16, 2023 CAO report relative to the FY 2023-24 STEP grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$5,658,000 grant award for the 2023-24 STEP and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and OTS for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Grant funds will provide support for the implementation of the STEP to address traffic safety issues. There are no matching funds required. The LAPD reports that since 2022, Citywide traffic congestion has increased, as the City recovered from the 2020 pandemic. This has resulted in an uptick in various crash categories:

- Fatal traffic crashes increased 6%, from 294 in 2021 to 312 in 2022
- Pedestrian fatal traffic crashes increased 21%, from 131 in 2021 to 159 in 2022
- Bicyclists fatal traffic crashes increased 18%, from 17 in 2021 to 20 in 2022

- Driving under the Influence (DUI)-related fatal traffic crashes increased 6%, from 18 in 2021 to 19 in 2022.

Illegal street racing, sideshows, and intersection takeover incidents have decreased in 2022, primarily due to increased enforcement. However, these incidents pose a serious problem for the City. Fatal and suspected serious injury traffic crashes will continue to increase, absent a dedicated effort by the LAPD to enforce and curtail these activities. Accordingly, the LAPD pursues and utilizes grant funding award resources to enhance its enforcement capabilities in addressing these dangerous traffic-related incidents.

In the City, the leading primary crash factors (PCF) identified in traffic collisions were DUI, speed, right-of-way, and pedestrian violations. Funding from the FY 2023-24 STEP Grant will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in traffic collisions by utilizing enforcement and innovative strategies. The OTS, awarded the LAPD \$5,658,000 in grant funds to focus on DUI and traffic enforcement. The FY 2032-24 STEP Grant funds will be managed and coordinated through the LAPD's Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, within the Transit Services Bureau, and utilized primarily to deploy police officers on an overtime basis in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and personal injuries due to traffic collisions. 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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