



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

August 30, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council  
C/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

Re: FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program  
(Council File No. 20-1120)

Dear Honorable Members:

Each year, the City of Los Angeles receives funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The Mayor's Office of Public Safety (MOPS) manages and administers these grant funds. The City uses this funding to support the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) program, which was established in 1997 to help communities affected by gang violence through cross-agency collaboration within both the City and County of Los Angeles. Currently CLEAR involves collaboration among the Los Angeles City Attorney, Los Angeles County Probation Department, and Los Angeles County District Attorney (DA). Careful monitoring and project management ensure the effective use of these funds to reduce gang crime.

Allocations are based on official estimates and forecasted spending, though actual costs may vary due to factors such as time allocation, case reassignment, or organizational changes. The MOPS office monitors spending rates and reallocates funds as necessary to ensure efficient use. For over 15 years, the City of Los Angeles has received JAG grant funding, allocating approximately half of its award to the County of Los Angeles.

Therefore, the MOPS office is requesting the following contracting authorities to accommodate necessary cost adjustments for contracted services:

As such, the MOPS office is requesting the following contracting authority in order to accommodate cost adjustments necessary for contacted services to fully expend grant funds:

- JAG 19 Contracting Authority – Increase the contracting authority to \$70,161.39 with the County of Los Angeles for a public service agreement, ensuring the continuation of their vital contributions to the CLEAR program. This collaboration with Los Angeles County Probation Department is crucial for enforcing appropriate probation conditions for gang members, such as restrictions on associating with other gang members, curfews, and limitations on returning to specific areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

KAREN BASS  
Mayor

For further details on these requests, please refer to the below:

Attachment 1: Contracting Authorities Narrative & Recommendations

CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES NARRATIVE & RECOMMENDATIONS  
JAG 19

Attachment 1

Transmitted herewith for City Council consideration are proposed contracting authorities related to the FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (Council File No. 20-1120). On December 15, 2020, the City Council accepted the FY19 JAG grant in the amount of \$2,386,696.00 with a grant performance period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022. (Council File No. 20-1120). Since then we've received a 2 year grant extension with a performance period end date of September 30, 2024. The recommendations outlined in this report are necessary in order to continue previously approved grant-funded projects through the end of the applicable grant performance periods.

Initially, the contract was awarded at \$719,735.36. In accordance with the City Charter Sec. 14.8. Contracts, which permits a contract increase of up to 25% without additional approval, we previously amended the contract by \$179,933.84, bringing the total to \$899,669.20. We now seek approval for a new contract authority amounting to \$969,830.59.

### Recommendations

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

1. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Increase contracting authority to the amount of \$70,161.39 with the County of Los Angeles for a public service agreement to continue their committed contribution to the CLEAR program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
2. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.



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Mayor

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