

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant application and award for the 2023-24 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program - Law Enforcement 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 in the amount of \$30,750 from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the 2023-24 OHMVR Grant – Law Enforcement Program, for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the Project Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339/70.
 - b. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$30,750 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, 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 \$30,750 to an appropriation account to be determined, in Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023-24 OHMVR grant funds.
 - b. Increase appropriations as needed from Fund No. 339/70, appropriation account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, account number and amount as follows:
 - i. Account No. 1092, Overtime Sworn - \$28,097.59
 - ii. Account TBD, Related Costs - \$2,652.41
4. NOTE and FILE the December 18, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners (Board) report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that Approval of the recommendations contained in the March 14, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will provide \$30,750 in funding to the LAPD for the 2023-24 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant – Law Enforcement Program. The grant requires a 25 percent match that will be fulfilled through expense and salary expenditures within the LAPD's Off-Road Unit (ORU). Funding for the Program's two Police Sergeant Is and 17 Police Officer IIs is provided in the LAPD's 2023-24 Budget and there is no additional impact to the General Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the March 14, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply 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 April 9, 2024, your Committee considered December 18, 2023 Board and March 14, 2024 CAO reports relative to grant application and award for the 2023-24 OHMVR Program – Law Enforcement grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is requesting approval to retroactively apply for and accept an award of \$30,750 for the 2023-24 OHMVR Grant – Law Enforcement Program from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the grant term of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. The grant requires a 25 percent match that will be fulfilled through expense and salary expenditures within the LAPD's Off-Road Unit (ORU).

The OHMVR Grant – Law Enforcement provides financial assistance to local and federal agencies for the protection of life and property, including natural and cultural resources, related to OHMVR recreation and motorized access to non-motorized recreation, such as hunting, fishing, hiking and camping sites. The LAPD has a highly specialized Off-Road Unit (ORU) within the Valley Traffic Division that enforces illegal off-highway vehicle activity throughout the City of Los Angeles. The ORU, consisting of two Police Sergeant Is and 17 Police Officer IIs (Motor Officers), will continue to work in partnership with the Los Angeles Fire Department for search and rescue efforts, public notification, and enforcement on Red Flag days.

In addition, joint operations will be conducted with the United States Department of Forestry inside the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest to prevent illegal off-highway vehicle activities and resource damage. The ORU will also partner with utility companies serving the Southern California region through enforcement efforts in hillside areas surrounding electrical power and natural gas infrastructure. The grant will provide \$28,097.59 for sworn overtime, and \$2,652.41 for overtime fringe benefits costs. The grant requires a 25 percent in-kind match which will be satisfied by utilizing currently budgeted salaries for the Off-Road Unit personnel. 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 note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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