

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council File No. 24-1280

Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated October 15, 2024

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ON TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING (ABBY HONOLD) GRANT PROGRAM AWARD ACCEPTANCE – OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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 grant award for the Fiscal Year 2024 Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, from the Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice;

b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;

2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:

a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$500,000 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. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$500,000 to an appropriation account to be determined within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2024 Abby Honold Program grant funds;
- b. Transfer appropriations for the 2024 Abby Honold Program as needed, account numbers and amounts, as follows:

From:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
339/70	To Be Determined	Abby Honold Program	\$24,189

To:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100//65	001010	Salaries General	\$ 943
100/70	001092	Overtime Sworn	\$21,240
339/70	To Be Determined	Related Costs	<u>\$ 2,006</u>
TOTAL			\$24,189

4. Instruct the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the 2024 Abby Honold Program on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2025, or the first meeting day thereafter:

Authorize the Controller to transfer appropriation from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

From:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
339/70	To Be Determined	2024 Abby Honold Program	\$178,829

To:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/65	001010	Salaries General	\$ 943
100/70	001092	Overtime Sworn	\$162,540
339/70	To Be Determined	Related Costs	<u>\$ 15,346</u>
TOTAL			\$178,829

5. Instruct the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the 2024 Abby Honold Program on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2026, or the first meeting day thereafter:

Authorize the Controller to transfer appropriation from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

From:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
339/70	To Be Determined	2024 Abby Honold Program	\$178,830

To:

<u>Fund/Dept.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/65	001010	Salaries General	\$ 944
100/70	001092	Overtime Sworn	\$162,540
339/70	To Be Determined	Related Costs	\$ 15,346
TOTAL			\$178,830

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$500,000 grant award for the Fiscal Year 2024 Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), United States Department of Justice. The grant award has a performance period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027. There is no match requirement for this grant.

The Abby Honold Program, was inspired by a University of Minnesota student who was sexually assaulted by a fellow student in 2014, and led to Federal legislation¹ that developed and awarded grants to law enforcement agencies to train officers to conduct trauma-informed and victim-centered investigations, with the goal of incorporating trauma-informed techniques designed to prevent re-traumatization of the victim and to increase communication between victims and law enforcement as well as stakeholders in a coordinated community response. The grant funding will allow for the training of front-line officers in how best to work with victims of crimes involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, building on the expertise the Department has institutionalized in the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) units, multidisciplinary crisis response teams that pair domestic violence victim advocates with specially trained LAPD officers to respond to domestic violence incidents. This is critical, as there are insufficient DART teams to respond to all the relevant calls for service, consequently, patrol officers must frequently perform their relevant investigations without assistance from a DART Unit. The complexity of the cases requires specialized training, knowledge of trauma-informed, victim-centered practices, and collaboration with multidisciplinary partners, such as victim advocates and forensic experts.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/649/text?r=26&s=1>

The grant will provide funding for the Detective Bureau (DB) to implement Operation Promoting Respectful Outreach, Training, and Empowerment for Community Transformation (PROTECT), a training program to teach responding officers how to conduct trauma-informed, victim-centered investigations. The PROTECT program has a three-pronged strategy: A train-the-trainer program for Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) officers; in-person training for patrol officers; and an e-learning module for patrol officers.

LAPD will coordinate with the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability to ensure the rights and access of individuals with disabilities and people who are Deaf or hard of hearing are addressed in the training, including how to access technical assistance with Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) and Sign Language Interpreter (SLI) services as well as requesting materials in alternative formats.

The non-profit organization, Peace Over Violence (POV), a direct social service provider to victims and a grant sub recipient, will serve as the subject matter expert in direct service provision for domestic violence and sexual assault response. POV will work with the Department on this program, providing input and advice, supporting training, and assessing program efficacy. Grant funds have been allocated as detailed in the chart below.

FY 2024 Abby Honold Grant Program Expenses

Expense Category	Amount
Personnel (Sworn Overtime) – Project coordination, implementation and training	\$346,320
Personnel (Salaries General) - Department on Disability staff services	2,830
Supplies - Office supplies, educational and community outreach materials, and printing expenses	13,152
Travel – Grantor-mandated training and technical assistance	15,000
Related Costs - Employee fringe benefits	32,698
Contractual Services - Peace Over Violence	90,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

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 2024 Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program totaling \$500,000 from the Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City’s Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.