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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated September 27, 2024; referred for report on October 17, 2024

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) ACCEPTANCE**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (FY22 JAG) in the amount of \$2,693,286.00 for the period effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the Grant Award Agreement on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Execute a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles for the FY22 JAG for up to 45 months, for a total not to exceed \$1,211,979.00, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - d. Execute a contract between the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles for the CLEAR Program for up to 12 months, for a total not to exceed \$634,985, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, as to form, and upon submission of invoices and approval by the Mayor, or designee, of such invoices for JAG-related expenditures:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46A319	District Attorney	\$ 378,359
46A319	Probation Department	256,626
Total		\$ 634,985

2. Approve the FY22 JAG budget and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the approved budget; and,

3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles for the FY22 JAG for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025, for a total not to exceed \$2,693,286, and authorize the Mayor, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;

4. Authorize the Controller to:

a. Create a new interest-bearing Fund titled FY22 Justice Assistance Grant Fund; establish a receivable in this new Fund in the amount of \$2,693,286; expend funds upon presentation of proper documentation from the Mayor's Office; and, create new Appropriation Accounts within the new Fund No. XXX, Department No. 46, as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
46A319	CLEAR Contractual Services	\$ 634,985
46A912	City Attorney Grant Allocation	328,282
46A146	Mayor Salaries	356,250
46A299	Related Costs	144,818
46A309	Mayor's Office and Administrative	3,998
46A668	Partner Jurisdiction	1,211,979
46A213	Travel	12,974
Total		\$ 2,693,286

b. Expend funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Mayor's Office;

c. Transfer up to \$356,250 from FY 22 Justice Assistance Grant Fund No. XXX, Department No, 46, Account No. 46A146 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department No. 46, Account No. 001020, Grant Reimbursed, for reimbursement of grant-funded personnel salaries;

d. Transfer up to \$144,818 from FY22 Justice Assistance Grant Fund No. XXX, Department No. 46, Account No. 46A299 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department No. 46, Revenue Source Code 5346, Related Cost Reimbursements for Grants, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and,

5. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety (Mayor's Office) requests authority to retroactively accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (FY22 JAG) in the amount of \$2,693,286 from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (Grantor) for a grant performance period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025. There is no match requirement associated with this grant.

The FY22 JAG is a formula grant provided by the Federal government to provide states and local governments with funding necessary to support various criminal justice programs, including law enforcement; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections

and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; crime victim and witness initiatives; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. Grant allocations are determined by population and Part 1 violent crime statistics.

On June 22, 2022 the Grantor issued a Request for Proposals for the FY22 JAG Program. The City of Los Angeles submitted an application on July 5, 2022 and was awarded \$2,693,286 by the DOJ on October 12, 2021. As the grant guidelines require a joint spending plan between the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles, of the \$2,693,286, an amount of \$1,481,307 will be allocated to the City with \$1,211,979 being provided to the County. The City will distribute grant funds according to the categories outlined below.

Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program

The Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program, part of the Mayor's Gang Reduction initiative, was established by the City and County to combat gang violence in Los Angeles. The primary goal of CLEAR is to facilitate the recovery of gang-infested communities by decreasing gang crime in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, as well as City and County criminal justice agencies. Stakeholders include the Mayor's Office, the City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and the County of Los Angeles Probation Department.

The City will allocate approximately \$963,267 to nine CLEAR program sites: Northeast, Newton, Southeast, Foothill, Southwest, Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights, Hollenbeck/Ramona Gardens, Rampart, and 77th. One Deputy City Attorney, one Deputy District Attorney, and one Deputy Probation Officer will staff each program site. Accordingly, funding will go towards nine Deputy City Attorneys in the City Attorney's Office, nine Deputy District Attorneys, and nine Deputy Probation Officers. As the Deputy District Attorney III and Deputy Probation Officer positions are County employees, the Mayor's Office requests authority to execute an agreement with the County to disburse \$634,985 in grant funds for County personnel.

The FY22 JAG will provide \$328,282 to the City Attorney's Office to partially fund the following nine positions: three Deputy City Attorney Is and six Deputy City Attorney IIIs. The remaining salary costs will be a General Fund obligation that will be absorbed within the City Attorney's 2024-25 budget. Funding for LAPD personnel is already included in the Department's 2024-25 budget.

Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Program

The City's existing Domestic Violence Programs include the Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART), the Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART), and the Family Justice Center (FJC). Every DART team pairs trained civilian advocates with LAPD police officers to provide immediate crisis response to reported incidents of domestic violence, and currently serves throughout LAPD's 21 geographic divisions. SART is a collaborative effort among the Mayor's Office, law enforcement, and participating hospitals to help victims access specialized sexual assault response services. Lastly, FJC operates as a one-stop resource center to ease burdens on families and help victims of the most aggravated cases involving traumatic injuries to rebuild their lives by marshaling together law enforcement, mental health, social, legal, and medical services. The Central FJC is located in the following CLEAR sites: Central, Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights, Hollenbeck/Ramona Gardens, Newton, Northeast and Rampart.

The City will allocate \$246,712 to support the FJC Domestic Violence (DV) program costs for the Mayor's Office. Funding will go towards one FJC Director (\$166,184 for salary; \$67,554 for fringe benefits) and \$12,974 for DV Training and Travel funds. The FJC Director will assist in formulating DV, sexual assault (SA), and human trafficking-related policies for the City and will work closely with City departments and community members to ensure the effectiveness of services. The DV Training funds will enhance multi-agency awareness and proficiency among professionals assisting DV and SA victims.

Grant Management and Administration

Pursuant to grant guidelines, up to 10-percent of the total award can be used to support management and administration (M&A) costs. A total amount of \$269,328 will be allocated towards M&A, of which \$190,066 will be for salaries, \$77,264 for fringe benefits, and \$3,998 for office expenses. Management and administration costs include applying for the grant, monitoring expenditures, generating quarterly reports, conducting audits of City and County projects and expenditures, and managing disbursement and reimbursement of grant funds.

The table below provides a breakdown of the City's FY22 JAG allocation.

Cost Category	Amount
Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program (CLEAR)	
<i>CLEAR City Personnel</i>	\$ 328,282
<i>CLEAR Contracted County Personnel</i>	634,985
CLEAR Subtotal	\$ 963,267
Mayor's Office	
<i>Grant Management and Administration – Program Staff (Salaries)</i>	\$ 190,066
<i>Family Justice Center Domestic Violence - Program Staff (Salaries)</i>	166,184
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>	144,818
<i>Domestic Violence Training and Travel</i>	12,974
<i>Administration Expenses</i>	3,998
Mayor's Office Subtotal	\$ 518,040
Total	\$ 1,481,307

County of Los Angeles Allocation

The County will utilize its share of the grant in the amount of \$1,211,979 for the following agencies and programs: the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; District Attorney SAGE: Strategies Against Gang Environments; Public Defender Alternative Sentencing Program and Paralegal Services; Public Defender Alternative Sentencing Program/Psychiatric Social Worker Services; Department of Public Health Trauma Prevention Initiative; Programs for At-Risk Youth; Probation Department; and the AB109 Re-Entry Housing Project. As the administrative agent, the Mayor's Office will monitor these programs and expenditures and report back to the Grantor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will provide \$2,693,286 to the City and the County of Los Angeles for the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. As established through a joint spending plan, the City's allocation is approximately \$1,481,307, whereas \$1,211,979 will be provided to the County. Of the City's share

of \$1,312,683, costs will be distributed as follows: \$963,267 to the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) program personnel; \$518,040 to the Mayor's Office for grant management and administration expenses, Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Program Director, fringe benefits, Domestic Violence Training and Travel and related administrative expenses. Of the \$963,267 for the CLEAR program, approximately \$634,985 will be appropriated for County support staff, and \$328,282 will partially fund nine Deputy City Attorney positions in the City Attorney's Office. The City Attorney's Office will be required to absorb any unfunded salary obligations with available funds within its 2024-25 budget. There is no match requirement associated with this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

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