

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated August 29, 2023

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a First Amendment to Contract Number C-140449 with the Hollenbeck Police Activities League, a 2021 Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction program grant subrecipient agency, expanding the scope of services to include Southeast Division, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests authority to negotiate and execute a First Amendment to Contract Number C-140449 with the Hollenbeck Police Activities League (HPAL) to expand services funded by the 2021 Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction (CYVPR) program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), to include the LAPD's Southeast Division. The Council approved acceptance of the grant and execution of the contract with HPAL on July 5, 2023; the Mayor concurred with the Council's action on July 14, 2023. The Department of Justice has recently approved a grant modification request to expand the program to the Southeast Division, with no additional funding. Each site (Hollenbeck, Southwest, and Southeast) is expected to divert up to 40 youths from arrest by referring them to the program, a total of 120 diversions.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2021 CYVPR grant provided funding for communities to develop and implement prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies that aim to reduce youth gun and gang violence. The LAPD, in partnership with the HPAL and the University of Southern California's Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work developed a comprehensive youth gang-reduction program called Get-It-Straight (GIS), focused on diversion, prevention, and intervention for youths ages 10-17 in the Hollenbeck and Southwest Divisions.

Youth and their parent/s (guardians) are given information about the diversion program during the initial detainment contact. Once both the client and parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to participate, a behavioral case manager schedules an intake appointment. The youth and parent(s)/guardian(s) thereafter commence participation in classes and program activities for 12 weeks. To qualify, youths must be between 12-17 years old; have committed a low-grade misdemeanor or ‘wobbler’ felony (a criminal offense that can be charged as either a felony or a misdemeanor); not have a criminal record; and/or not have committed the same crime within the prior two years. Referrals to the program are made by participating LAPD Divisions through the Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program or through community referrals made by schools, concerned community members, and/or LAPD Officers who may have encountered a youth or family looking for extra support. When youth fail to complete the program, there may or may not be negative consequences, depending on how they were referred to the program. If an LAPD Division referred the youth, a Juvenile Detective will proceed with investigating the case and the youth will be booked for the crime they allegedly committed, if sufficient evidence is obtained to justify their arrest. For youth referred from schools, the school is notified of their non-completion; normally, there are no further consequences at the school site.

LAPD was awarded \$997,351 to implement the program within the grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 as follows:

Expense Category	Amount
Contractual Services (HPAL)	\$ 934,268
Training	12,318
Supplies	5,516
Grant Administration (LAPD Civilian Overtime)	45,249
Total	\$ 997,351

No budgetary changes are being requested at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendation within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2021 Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction program grant award totaling \$997,351 from the U.S Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

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