

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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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 December 18, 2023

Subject: **2023-24 OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT –
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

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 in the amount of \$30,750 from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the 2023-24 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (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 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 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, 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, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023-24 OHMVR grant funds; and,

- b. Increase appropriations as needed from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, appropriation account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn - \$28,097.59
Account TBD, Related Costs - \$2,652.41

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests approval to retroactively apply for and accept an award of \$30,750 for the 2023-24 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will provide \$30,750 in funding to the Los Angeles Police Department 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 Department's Off-Road Unit (ORU). Funding for the Program's two Police Sergeant Is and 17 Police Officer IIs is provided in the Department's 2023-24 Budget and there is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

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