

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 January 11, 2023; Referred for report February 7, 2023

Subject: **2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES GRANT AWARD – DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

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 Fiscal Year 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant – Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects (FY 2022 BWC Digital Evidence) in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant agreement for the period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2022, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend existing agreements between the City of Los Angeles and Axon Enterprises, Inc. for centralization and integration of all digital evidence, not to exceed \$250,000 for the performance period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form;
 - d. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend an existing contract with a vendor for provision of services as the research partner and evaluator of the program, not to exceed \$250,000 for the performance period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form; and,
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:

- a. Expend up to the total grant amount of \$1,000,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70;
- c. Prepare Controller's 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 \$1,000,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program grant funds.
- b. Increase appropriations as needed for the FY22 BWC-Digital Evidence grant from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department 70, account number and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$29,165
Account No. 001092	Sworn Overtime	\$50,050

- c. Transfer appropriations within Fund No. 339, Department 70, account numbers to be determined, for fringe benefits and related costs, upon submission of proper documentation by LAPD, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, for related costs incurred during the grant performance period;

4. Instruct the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the FY22 BWC-Digital Evidence grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2023 or the first meeting day thereafter:

- a. Authorize the Controller to transfer 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:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$ 89,110
Account No. 001092	Sworn Overtime	\$111,100

5. Instruct the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the FY22 BWC-Digital Evidence grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2024 or the first meeting day thereafter:

- a. Authorize the Controller to transfer 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:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$ 99,750
Account No. 001092	Sworn Overtime	\$100,100

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$1,000,000 grant award from the United States Department of Justice for the FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant – Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects (FY22 BWC-Digital Evidence). The purpose of this grant is twofold:

- Establish a comprehensive digital evidence media system that integrates both body-worn camera (BWC) and digital in-car video (DICV) footage for use by law enforcement personnel and prosecutorial agencies; and,
- Implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms that address digital evidence media with regards to retention and deletion.

LAPD's overall goal is to store and share all digital evidence in a single repository guided by a robust digital evidence management strategy to ensure that the electronic storage and sharing of data is more efficient and convenient. The increasing amount of footage gathered and stored since the implementation of BWC and DICV necessitates a system capable of accommodating the large amount and different types of digital evidence that is used not only by LAPD, but also by the City Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The grant award budget provides \$479,296 for sworn and civilian overtime, \$500,000 for contractual support and \$20,704 for travel to conferences and training. The contractual services will be utilized for two contracts at \$250,000 each; one to provide support the centralization and integration of all digital evidence, and another to provide for a research partner and program evaluation. No matching funds are required for this grant, although the base salaries for the employees working on this program will be provided within already budgeted funds.

While the Department was not able to include reimbursement of related costs at the time of application, the Department intends to submit a budget modification to the grantor requesting to reprogram a portion of the overtime hours to reflect eligible related cost reimbursement for the use of both sworn and civilian overtime. The above recommendations provide for the Department to process these reimbursements in the event the grantor approves the budget modification.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will provide for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in the FY22 BWC-Digital Evidence grant funds in accordance with the grant guidelines and award. There is no impact on the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

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

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