

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2023 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or his designee to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award for the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant in the amount of \$1,764,997 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$1,764,997 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the LAPD Grant Fund No. 339/70.
 - 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 (CAO); and, authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable and APPROPRIATE \$1,764,997 to an appropriations account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant funds.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
 - a. Place on the City Council agenda on **July 1, 2024**, or on the first meeting day thereafter, the actions relative to the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant, as follows:
 - i. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$500,000 from Fund No. 339/70, account name and account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100/70, Account number 1090, Overtime General.

- ii. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$25,100 from Fund No. 339/70, account name and account number to be determined, to Fund No. 339/70, account number to be determined, account name Related Costs.

- b. Place on the City Council agenda on **July 1, 2025**, or on the first meeting day thereafter, the actions relative to the 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program grant, as follows: 1. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$52,075 from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account name and account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account number 001090, Overtime General; 2. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$2,615 from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account name and account number to be determined, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, account name Related Costs.

5. NOTE and FILE the October 25, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports approval of the recommendations contained in the November 27, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant award totaling \$1,764,997 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the November 27, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On January 23, 2024, your Committee considered November 27, 2023 CAO and October 25, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners reports relative to the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$1,764,997 grant award for the 2023 DNA CEBR Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant award has a performance period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. No matching funds are required. The 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program provides funding to state and local units of government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA and DNA database samples. Funding will be utilized to increase the efficiency and capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of

forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis. Funding from this grant will allow the LAPD's Forensic Science Division, Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) to increase the capacity of the analysis of evidence and reduce case backlog due to the increase in personnel hours for forensic DNA sample analysis. The grant will also enable the SDU to process more Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible samples in less time, allowing staff sufficient time to train personnel and validate new technologies. In addition, grant funding will provide training to staff in order to meet the required continuing education requirements of accreditation. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and note and file the Board of Police Commissioners report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

| COUNCILMEMBER | VOTE |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| LEE: | YES |
| McOSKER: | YES |
| PARK: | YES |
| SOTO-MARTINEZ: | YES |

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