

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated February 2, 2024

Subject: **2023 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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 for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program in the amount of \$950,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES);
- b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
- c. Negotiate and execute either new agreements or to amend any agreements with affiliate task force agencies, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:

- a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$950,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 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, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions; and

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$950,000 to an appropriation account to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and

disbursement of the CalOES FY 2023 Internet Crimes Against Children Program in accordance with the grant award agreement;

- b. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$144,451, for the CalOES FY 2023 Internet Crimes Against Children Program, as-needed from appropriation account number to be determined (TBD), in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001090	Civilian Overtime	\$ 12,496
Account No. 001092	Sworn Overtime	\$ 120,000
TBD	Related Costs	\$ 11,955

- 4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on Council Calendar on July 1, 2024 or the first meeting day thereafter, the following action relative to the CalOES FY 2023 Internet Crimes Against Children Program:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer \$85,249 in appropriations from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined (TBD), to Fund No. 100, Department 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001090	Civilian Overtime	\$ 10,000
Account No. 001092	Sworn Overtime	\$ 68,300
TBD	Related Costs	\$ 6,949

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$950,000 grant award for the 2023 Internet Crimes Against Children Program (ICAC) from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The grant award has a performance period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. No matching funds are required for this grant.

The primary purpose of the ICAC Program is to ensure law enforcement agencies are equipped to quickly respond to, investigate, and prosecute incidents involving the exploitation of children and juveniles through the use of the Internet. To meet these objectives, ICAC funds may be used to enhance investigation of offenders; deliver educational outreach programs; prosecute offenders in federal, state, or local courts; allow for the LAPD to serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies within the service area; and, support participation in nationally coordinated investigations.

The LAPD will allocate grant award funds for the following purposes:

- Sworn and Civilian overtime (\$188,300/\$22,496) to support the task force activities that include outreach and follow-ups, internet safety presentations, site visits, knock and talks, investigations to intercept potential suspects, forensic investigations and support, hands-on training, victim interviews, review CyberTipline® reporting, perform special details and operations, conduct and execute time sensitive search warrants, and perform various program administrative duties; and,

- Equipment costs to purchase six Magnet Forensics® Axiom networks (\$54,600) utilized for recovery of digital evidence from mobile, cloud, computer, and vehicle sources; and Magnet Graykey™ Premier (\$116,000) and Essentials (\$273,000) digital forensic devices that unlock and extract evidence from iOS and Android devices;
- Various operating expenses (\$276,700) that include additional digital forensic tools, workstations, laptop computers, monitors and software licenses, secured parking for response vehicles, internet access, and various office supplies to maintain the day-to-day operations of the Task Force.

A categorical line item expense summary of the 2023 ICAC Program grant award is provided below.

2023 ICAC Program Grant Award Expenses

Expense Category	Amount
Personnel (Sworn Overtime)	\$ 188,300
Personnel (Civilian Overtime)	22,496
Equipment	443,600
Operating Expenses	276,700
Sworn & Civilian Fringe Benefit Costs	18,904
Total	\$ 950,000

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the 2023 Internet Crimes Against Children Program grant award of \$950,000 from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

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