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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 April 23, 2024

Subject: **2022 OFFICER WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to 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 2022 Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant (OWMHG) Program in the amount of \$6,499,179.21 from the State of California Board of State and Community Corrections for the period from July 1, 2022 through December 1, 2025;
- b. Execute the Grant Agreement with the State of California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the period from July 1, 2022 through December 1, 2025, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a new interest-bearing fund titled BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG, Fund No. to be determined, to receive and disburse the BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG funds; establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$6,499,179.21 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within the BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG Fund No. to be determined, for the receipt and disbursement of the BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG funds;
- b. Establish a new Account No. to be determined, titled Program Income, within the BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG Fund No. to be determined, and appropriate any interest income earned, as determined by the Office of Finance;
- c. Transfer \$6,499,179.21 from Fund 339 Balance Sheet Account 2535 to the new Fund to be determined, Balance Sheet Account 2535; and,

3. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:

- a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$6,499,179.21 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
- b. Receive and deposit a one-time grant receipt of \$6,499,179.21 in Fund No. to be determined, Department No. 70, the BSCC FY 2022 OWMHG; and,
- 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.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to accept a \$6,499,179.21 grant award for the 2022 Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant program from the State of California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the period from July 1, 2022 through December 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The OWMHG Program, established in the California 2022 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022), provides \$50 million for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources. Per the Statutes, the funding may be used for any of the following:

- Establishing or expanding officer wellness units;
- Establishing or expanding peer support units;
- Services provided by a licensed mental health professional, counselor or other professional that works with law enforcement;
- Expanding multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health; and,
- Other programs and services that are evidence-based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness.

All eligible law enforcement agencies received a portion of the funds based on the number of eligible officers described in Penal Code Section 830.1 This grant is restricted to programs and services to support peace officers, as defined by Section 830.1. Supplanting is strictly prohibited for all BSCC grant funds. In accepting the grant award, the Department was issued a check in the amount of \$6,499,179.21 from the State Controller's Office. This amount was temporarily deposited to the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339 for safekeeping. With Council approval, the LAPD plans to transfer the funds to an interest-bearing account, which is allowed by the grant. The earned interest will be considered as program income and will be used to supplement the Officer Wellness Reimbursement Program.

The grant will enable LAPD to spend up to \$4 million to upgrade all its fitness rooms in approximately 30 Area stations and facilities throughout the City. This funding will be used to purchase new equipment such as treadmills, elliptical machines, StairMaster® stair-climbing

machines, various strength training machines, free weights, massage chairs, and blood pressure monitors. Additionally, \$2,499,179.21 of the grant will be used to implement an Officer Wellness Reimbursement Program. The LAPD's Behavioral Science Services Division will compile a variety of wellness activities that are evidence-based and have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness. Such activities may include yoga classes, massage therapist services, body scans, and Jiu-Jitsu martial arts defensive training. Each officer will be able to engage in one of these activities and select his/her preferred service provider. After completion of each activity, sworn personnel will be required to complete a questionnaire and provide proper documentation for reimbursement.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will provide for the expenditure of the 2022 Officer Wellness and Mental Health Program grant award of \$6,499,179.21, for the grant performance period from July 1, 2022 through December 1, 2025. 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 all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

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