

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: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated December 21, 2023

Subject: **STATE BUDGET ACT OF 2022 - ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept the grant award of \$15,650,000 for the Budget Act of 2022 Organized Retail Theft Prevention (2022 ORTP) Grant Program from the California Board of State and Community Corrections, for the Period of October 1, 2023 through June 1, 2027;
  - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the review of City Attorney as to form;
  - c. Negotiate and execute a contract with Peregrine Systems® Inc., to provide a real-time decision and operations management platform, not to exceed \$2,793,750, commencing on the date of contract execution through December 31, 2026, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney;
  - d. Negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to provide a command center solution, not to exceed \$1,287,582, commencing on the date of contract execution through December 31, 2026, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney;
  - e. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend an existing contract with a vendor for the expansion of the automated license plate recognition camera system, not to exceed \$7,568,893, commencing on the date of contract execution through December 31, 2026, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney;
  - f. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend an existing contract with an external accounting firm to conduct a financial audit on the grant program, not to exceed

\$25,000, commencing on the date of contract execution through June 1, 2027, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney;

- g. Negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc., to provide a process and outcome evaluation on the grant program, not to exceed \$782,500, commencing on the date of contract execution through June 1, 2027, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
- a. Spend up to \$827,919 in funding in accordance with the grant award agreement;
  - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the grant receipts in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
- a. Set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$15,650,000 to an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No.70, for the receipt and disbursement of 2022 ORTP grant funds;
  - b. Increase appropriations as-needed from the 2022 ORTP grant funds, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, appropriation account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amounts, as follows:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Overtime Sworn	001092	\$300,000
Related Costs	TBD	\$28,320

4. Instruct the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the Budget Act of 2022 ORTP Grant Program on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2024, or the first meeting day thereafter:

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:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Overtime Sworn	001092	\$379,904
Related Costs	TBD	\$35,863

5. Authorize the LAPD to 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.

## **SUMMARY**

The Organized Retail Theft Prevention (ORTP) Grant Program was established in California State Senate Bill 154 to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to ORT, motor vehicle, or cargo theft. Through this grant funding, the LAPD will implement 'Project Blue Light', which aims to prevent, mitigate, and investigate these types of crimes and use an evidence-based strategy built in collaboration with businesses across the City. The grant agreement service period commences October 1, 2023, and ends on December 31, 2026. There is an additional period of five months (January 1, 2027, through June 1, 2027) for the sole purpose of finalizing and submitting the required Local Evaluation Report and a required grant program financial audit.

Project Blue Light will use \$7,784,893 of grant funds to purchase additional cameras for the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system expansion, and for the installation and maintenance of fixed cameras by the Bureau of Street Lighting. The project also aims to deploy an integrated technology platform (\$1,287,582) that will receive video feeds from the ALPR fixed and mobile cameras, and security cameras from business partners across the City. Grant funding for \$2,793,750 will be allocated for a Peregrine® Public Safety System, a decision and operations platform that will help officers and detectives deploy better strategies to keep communities safe and ensure accountability across the Department. Professional service agreements will be executed for Justice and Security Strategies, Inc., (\$782,500) for data collection and program evaluation services, and an external accounting firm (\$25,000) for the required financial audit of the grant. A sworn overtime allocation of \$744,087 will be used by the Department's Commercial Crimes Division (CCD) to coordinate proactive enforcement for retail theft, vehicle theft, and cargo theft. The purchase of equipment such as video trailers, amplifiers, etching instruments, and eight vehicles for CCD detectives is also budgeted for \$2,055,119. Other costs such as vehicle tracker subscriptions have also been budgeted at \$11,506.

Given the extensive use of surveillance technology employed by Project Blue Light, the Department states that it shall explicitly adhere to existing policies governing the use of information and data based on the State of California's Electronic Communications Privacy Act and codified in LAPD Department Manual Sections 1/140.15; 3/568.05; 3/568.10; 3/568.15; 3/568.40; 3/568.45; and 4/742.15.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will allow for the expenditure of the State Budget Act of 2022 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program. The grant will reimburse LAPD for eligible services, equipment, and required financial oversight of the grant funds. No matching requirement is associated with this grant award. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

## **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 grant-eligible program expenditures.

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