

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: April 8, 2025

To: The Mayor
The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer *Malaiika Billups* for

Subject: **INNOVATION FUND RECOMMENDATION – USE-OF-FORCE DASHBOARD**

RECOMMENDATION

The Office of the City Administrative Officer recommends that this committee note and file this report.

SUMMARY

The Innovation and Performance Commission (IPC) approved funding in the amount of \$125,000 from the Innovation Fund (IF) for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) – Use-Of-Force Dashboard pilot project. As with all IPC recommendations, this report presents for your consideration the proposal LAPD submitted and the IPC approved, along with information necessary to implement the idea as presented. However, since all IPC items are discretionary expenditures, in deference to the extraordinary budget constraints outlined in the Third (Mid-Year) Financial Status Report, this Office does not recommend funding the proposal as presented at this time.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The following is a summary of LAPD's Innovation Fund proposal, including the department's estimate of the benefits and costs of implementing the proposal:

LAPD is seeking funding to launch a public-facing, online dashboard to provide interactive data related to use-of-force. Currently, LAPD spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to print an annual use-of-force year-end review. This review consists of raw data that is not easily accessible and/or understandable to the general public. Through this pilot, LAPD seeks to build a series of public dashboard systems using current LAPD enforcement data that will include, but not limited to the following data sets:

- Categorical & Non-Categorical Uses of Force,
- Reported Crimes, Calls for Service, Vehicle & Pedestrian Stops,
- Law Enforcement Actions Taken (Arrests, Cites, Warnings), and
- Consent to Searches & Officer Safety Searches.

Through this pilot, LAPD is seeking to increase its transparency with the public, while also providing real-time data as it relates to use-of-force. LAPD intends to work with the Information Technology Agency to ensure that it can support the bandwidth required to aggregate data.

This pilot project is anticipated to be completed within 12 months, however some components of the project and some of the dashboards will be completed earlier.

Months 1 to 4

- Collect data from LAPD
- Stakeholder meetings

Months 5 to 8

- Dashboard development
- Data visualization development

Months 9 to 12

- Dashboards posted online
- Stakeholder feedback and dashboard updates as required

The IPC recommended \$125,000 for the Los Angeles Police Department – Use-Of-Force Dashboard pilot. The IPC made this recommendation based on the following contingencies. First, that LAPD contracts a vendor using the proper RFP process or receiving City Attorney approval for a sole-source contract. Second, the IPC required that there be Inspector General oversight of the dashboard and the data provided within the dashboard.

Proposed Budget

Activity	Budget
Data collection and stakeholder meetings	\$ 30,000.00
Dashboard and data visualization development	\$ 65,000.00
Stakeholder feedback and dashboard updates	\$ 20,000.00
Estimated Travel Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Total Budget	\$ 125,000.00

If the item is approved by this Committee, LAPD should return to the IPC, present any changes to the scope of work and provide updates to the IPC.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation to note and file this report will have no financial impact.

If the Council approves an allocation of \$125,000 to LAPD for the Use-Of-Force Dashboard pilot project, it would reduce the remaining Innovation Fund Balance, which is currently \$2,768,922.75. Savings from the Innovation Fund Balance may be used to address the current city-wide financial crisis and the overspending in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Additionally, funding this program may incur unfunded and ongoing costs

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendation in this report complies with the City’s Financial Policies.