



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

April 21, 2021

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Request for Authority to Accept \$38,122 Augment Grant Award for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victims and Public Safety Branch, Fiscal Year 2018 Domestic Violence Assistance (DH) Program

Dear Honorable Members:

On October 6th, 2018, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety (MOPS) submitted a grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services & Public Safety Branch for the Fiscal Year 2018 Domestic Violence Assistance (DH) Program. On November 13th, 2018, Cal OES notified the Mayor's Office of Public Safety of a grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for a performance period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. On December 16, 2020 the Mayor's Office of Public Safety received an augmentation on the grant award through the 19CARE funds approved by CalOES (Attachement A). This is a Grant Subaward Amendment to the previous Grant Award Agreement DH18, and accepted by Council on September 27, 2019 (Council File No. 19-0162). The MOPS Office respectfully requests that the City authorize acceptance of the Subaward Amendment in the amount of \$38,122 for the period of January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021 a total of award of \$538,122.00, and in addition of \$50,000 Match.

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to accept and expend the grant award in accordance with the approved budget.

## **Background**

The FY18 DH Program is designed to provide funding for programmatic needs of agencies to address issues of sexual assault, domestic violence (DV), dating violence and stalking. It encourages collaborative programs that result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. There is a 10% match requirement for this grant, which will be met via existing personnel.

### **Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART)**

In 2015, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety increased the Domestic Abuse Response Teams ("DART") to all 21 LAPD divisions expanding the program city-wide. The City of Los Angeles DART Program is a law enforcement-based, multidisciplinary crisis response team that pairs state certified 40-hour trained domestic violence victim advocates with specially-trained Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) DART officers in the field. The DART Program is operated through community based organizations that provide intervention and support services combined with comprehensive follow-up services to victims of domestic violence and their families. DART advocates respond on-scene to 911 emergency calls for service for incidents of domestic violence, providing immediate crisis intervention, trauma informed care and resources for follow-up services to victims of domestic violence and their families.

The program is critical to increasing the safety and psychological well-being of victims, through counseling, resource referrals, transportation and emergency shelter services. The program also provides extensive case management services, such as employment training/preparation, family/child counseling, legal advocacy, court accompaniment, and emergency shelter placement. Generally, crisis response and early intervention are intended to meet several objectives, including providing timely emotional support; educating domestic violence victims on the criminal justice system, including their rights and available resources; connecting victims with supportive services; promoting and prioritizing victim safety; increasing victim participation with the investigative and prosecutorial processes; and reducing the likelihood of future domestic violence incidents.

The FY18 DH Program aims to increase safe housing resources that are immediately available to first responders engaged with domestic violence victims by streamlining the process for victims to get into safe housing. This will allow for more timely support for victims, including food, clothing, safety assessments, and connections to services to help them cope with the trauma they have just experienced. This program will reduce barriers to accessing shelter services by providing funding for short term (1-5 day) hotel or shelter stays that will be made immediately available to victims in the event law enforcement or the victim deem it is unsafe for them to return to their current housing situation. This will also serve to develop stronger partnerships between law enforcement and community-based DV service providers. The participating agencies are the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles Department on

Disability (DOD), and the non-profit service providers: 1736 Family Crisis Center, Jenesse Center, and Haven Hills.

The FY18 DH Augment Subaward Amendment will provide for the following personnel and operating expenses:

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contractual Services - Jenesse Center	\$14,296
Contractual Services - Haven Hills	\$14,296
Grant Administration - Mayor Salaries and Fringe benefits	\$9,530
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$38,122</b>

A total of \$14,296 has been budgeted for the Jenesse Center to be the main point of contact through their 24 hour hotline, for LAPD's South Bureau. The agency will provide temporary emergency shelter via hotel vouchers or shelter placement for 1-5 days depending on the needs of the victim. While the victims is placed with Jenesse they will be provided emergency food, clothing, and any other basic essentials necessary. A case manager will complete a safety plan for the victim and their family that includes their next housing destination.

A total of \$14,296 has been budgeted for the Haven Hills to be the main point of contact through their 24 hour hotline, for LAPD's Valley Bureau. The agency will provide temporary emergency shelter via hotel vouchers or shelter placement for 1-5 days depending on the needs of the victim. While the victims is placed with Haven Hills they will be provided emergency food, clothing, and any other basic essentials necessary. A case manager will complete a safety plan for the victim and their family that includes their next housing destination.

The amendment will also provide \$9,530 for the management and administrative costs associated with this grant. A total of \$6,782 is budgeted for salaries and for fringe benefits \$2,748 of a Grant Specialist and Accountant responsible for coordinating the grant-funded program, administering all contracts, overseeing the implementation and monitoring of grant-funded programs, collecting program data and reporting to the grantor, and all accounting and auditing responsibilities.

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

**1. Authorize** the Mayor or his designee, to:

- a. **Accept** on behalf of the City, the augmentation on the grant award Fiscal Year 2018 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services & Public Safety Branch, Domestic Violence Assistance (DH) Grant Program in the amount of \$38,122, for a performance period of January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021.

- b. **Execute** the Grant Award Agreement and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
  - c. **Execute** a contract amendment with Jenesse Center to increase its total contract amount by \$14,296, from the previously authorized amount of \$105,000, to a new contract amount of \$119,296, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
  - d. **Execute** a contract amendment with Haven Hills to increase its total contract amount by \$14,296, from the previously authorized amount of \$101,090, to a new contract amount of \$115,386 subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. **Approve** the augmentation on the grant award Fiscal Year 2018 Domestic Violence Assistance (DH) Grant Program budget and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the approved budget.

3. **Authorize** the Controller to:

- a. **Increase** appropriations and create new appropriation accounts within Fund 62G, FY18 DH, as follows:

Fund/Dept. No.	Account	Account Title	Amount
62G/46	46T146	Mayor	\$6,782.00
62G/46	46T299	Reimbursement of General Fund Cost	\$2,748.00
62G/46	46R304	Contractual Services	\$28,592.00
Total			<b>\$38,122.00</b>

- b. Transfer appropriations from Fund 62G/46 to the General Fund to reimburse grant related expenditures, as follows:

Fund/Dept. No.	Account	Account Title	Amount
From: 62G/46	46T146	Mayor	\$6,782.00
Total			<b>\$6,782.00</b>

Fund/Dept. No.	Account	Account Title	Amount
To: 100/46	001020	Grant Reimb	\$6,782.00
Total			<b>\$6,782.00</b>

- c. **EXPEND** funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Office of the Mayor.

4. **Authorize** the Controller to transfer up to \$2,748 from Fund 62G, Account No. **46T299** to the General Fund 100/46, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;
5. **Authorize** the Controller to transfer cash from Fund 62G/46 to reimburse the General Fund, on an as-needed basis, upon presentation of proper documentation from City Departments; and
6. **Authorize** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right and a small mark at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachments: CalOES amendment