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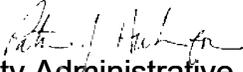
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Date: August 23, 2021

CAO File No. 0220-03891-0018  
Council File No. 21-0849  
Council District: --

To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo,  City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated July 21, 2021; referred for report August 5, 2021

Subject: **2020 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS VIOLENT GANG AND GUN CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM**

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**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 of \$188,141 for the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program, by and through The Children's Initiative with the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, with funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance;
  - b. Negotiate and execute the grant agreement with The Children's Initiative with the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2023, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
  - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
  - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$188,141 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
  - 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 \$188,141 to appropriation account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program funds;
- b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program Enforcement grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

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| Account No. 001092 | Overtime Sworn | \$85,745 |
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4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the first regular meeting on or after July 1, 2022, the following instruction:

- a. Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program Enforcement grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

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**SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$188,141 grant award for the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program (Grant) by and through The Children's Initiative with the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, with funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2023.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, through The Children's Initiative, the assigned fiscal agent for the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California for this funding. The program purpose areas and mandates for the sub-award solicitation were limited to Intervention, Prevention, Outreach, and Reentry, and Law Enforcement. The LAPD applied under the Law Enforcement purpose area and was awarded \$188,141 to implement a problem-oriented policing approach to counteract the precipitous increase in violence that has occurred in Southeast Area. The LAPD will scan and analyze the problem of violent crime and gun crime reduction, respond to the problem appropriately, and assess the success or limitations of the approach. Depending on the results of the analysis and input from the officers, community and businesses, the response phase may include the following strategies:

- Formation of a Violent Crime Task Force that focuses on gun crime and shooters;
- Use of high visibility patrols in target areas including foot beats;
- Collaboration and interaction with the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) where investigators from LAPD’s South Bureau and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives work together to solve shootings linked through the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network; and
- Collaboration with LAPD’s Community Safety Partnership that works with youth in housing developments through sports activities, school-based assistance, and mentoring.

The grant will fund a total of \$171,490 for sworn overtime in Southeast Area for intervention and suppression strategies over two years (\$85,745 in 2021-22, and \$85,745 in 2022-23). Funding in the amount of \$16,651 for equipment expenses and other costs is allocated for upgraded office equipment to allow for efficient handling of neighborhood and crime data reports, and for establishing a video conference room for use with community outreach events and Neighborhood Council meetings. Under the grant agreement, The Children’s Initiative will reimburse the City for expenses incurred as follows:

| <b>Expense Category</b> | <b>Amount</b>     |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sworn Overtime          | \$ 171,490        |
| Equipment               | 13,650            |
| Equipment Installation* | 3,001             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 188,141</b> |

\*Equipment installation to be provided by the Information Technology Agency

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Crime Reduction Program grant award totaling \$188,141. The grant will provide overtime funding for sworn personnel, equipment and related expenses. No matching funds are required for this grant. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations.

**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.