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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 October 5, 2021; referred for report October 20, 2021

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2018 STRATEGIES FOR POLICING INNOVATION PROGRAM – CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. (Contract No. C-133903) to increase its budget by \$150,000 and expand its scope of work, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to 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.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. (Contract No. C-133903), in relation to the Fiscal Year 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Program grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

On April 26, 2021, the Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) adopted a report related to SPI Program grant modifications and contracting authority. The report recommendations included a recommendation to authorize the LAPD to negotiate and execute an amendment to a professional services agreement with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. The report was referred to this Office on May 21, 2021. On June 22, 2021, the City Council adopted the recommendations contained our subsequent report related to SPI Program grant modifications and contracting authority.

In September 2021, the LAPD informed this Office that the agreement number included in the original report was incorrect, as it referenced a different agreement number with the same contractor (JSS). LAPD staff subsequently submitted a report to the BOPC to correct the error. The updated Board report was adopted by the BOPC on October 5, 2021, and referred for report on October 20, 2021.

The 2018 SPI Program grant provides funding to police agencies to identify and address the most pressing crime problems; to institute lasting operational and organizational changes; and, to foster reliance on evidence-based practices, data, and technology.

The initial SPI Program grant budget allocated \$150,000 to the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to assist with machine learning, deep neural networks, and other advanced mathematical techniques. However, UCLA was unable to enter into contract with the LAPD. The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has approved LAPD's budget modification request for UCLA's allocation to be added to the JSS contract (C-133903) to perform the scope of work originally contracted to UCLA. The JSS will now collaborate with Indiana University using machine learning techniques to analyze homicide data.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund. 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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