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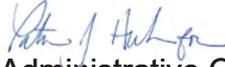
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Council District: All

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated April 5, 2022

Subject: **2021 COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TOWARDS PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING HATE CRIME PROGRAM APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve and authorize the Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to retroactively apply for, negotiate, and accept a grant award of \$833,333 relative to the 2021 Collaborative Approaches towards Preventing and Addressing Hate Crime (Hate Crime) grant program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) within the United States Department of Justice, for a three-year term that began on October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024, and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant funds, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the LAPD to deposit the 2021 Hate Crime grant funds, received under this cooperative agreement, into the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined;
3. Authorize the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$833,333 within the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, for disbursement of the BJA 2021 Hate Crime grant funds;
4. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc., a subrecipient agency, for a term within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$229,208, for the provision of grant research partner services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
5. Transfer \$206,250 from the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined to the following accounts:

- a. \$163,750 to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn; and
 - b. \$42,500 to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001090, Overtime Civilian;
6. Transfer the 2021 Hate Crime grant funds from Fund 339/70, Revenue Source Code 5349, Police Grants Related Costs, for fringe benefits and related costs upon submission of proper documentation by LAPD, subject to CAO approval of the related costs incurred during the grant performance period;
 7. Instruct the Department to reprogram a portion of grant funds to reflect related cost reimbursements in support of the sworn and civilian overtime salaries; and,
 8. Authorize the LAPD 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) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a 2021 Collaborative Approaches towards Preventing and Addressing Hate Crime (Hate Crime) grant program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The BJA provides assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation's criminal justice system.

The Hate Crime program offers grants to help entities prepare, design, or enhance a law enforcement-cooperative response with a comprehensive approach including outreach and education of the public, victims, agency staff and partners. The LAPD, in partnership with the Office of City Attorney and community based organizations, work collaboratively to assess and address anti-Asian hate crimes in the City of Los Angeles.

The Department applied for the 2021 Hate Crime Program by the July 2021 deadline and was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$833,333. The grant award has a three-year performance period that started on October 1, 2021 and will expire on September 30, 2024. The Hate Crime Program will require the LAPD to promote effective strategies to 1. Improve the collection of anti-Asian hate crime data, 2. Improve training and education of the police, 3. Improve public education and knowledge of anti-Asian hate crime; and 4. Enhance investigations and prosecutions of offenders.

The LAPD, in partnership with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office (LACA), the Japanese American Citizens League, the Chinatown Business Improvement District, the Little Tokyo Business Improvement District, the Mid-City West Neighborhood Council, and Research Partner, Justice and Security Strategies, Inc., will establish four Anti-Asian Hate Crime Working Groups to 1. Examine its current methods of responding to and recording hate crimes and make changes to

that process and educate the public; 2. Develop anti-Asian hate crime training curricula through the Training Bureau with the assistance of community organizations; 3. Improve police-community relationships with assistance from the community partners, develop brochures in different languages, make use of social media and other outlets, and make information available on their websites; and 4. Examine the existing processes and work to improve them with LAPD detectives and LACA.

Under the terms of the grant award, the LAPD shall use funds to increase efforts by public safety officials and community based organizations to establish a model for other cities and police agencies that includes a detailed approach to collecting data; improve training and education of the police and the public; enhance investigations and prosecution of offenders; and reduce fears and incidents. The LAPD will also be required to provide performance data that measures the results of funded activities.

The LAPD will allocate grant funding in salaries for various sworn and civilian positions to support planning and training efforts on Anti-Asian hate crimes, travel and training expenses, workstations, general office supplies, and software licenses. The LAPD also proposes to enter into a contract with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. to meet the provisions of the grant research and performance metrics, including technical assistance on the data collection and development of a strategic plan, advanced analyses, and evaluation reports. The allocation of the grant award is as follows:

Table 1

Grant Award / Expense Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Sworn Overtime	\$ 71,250	\$ 71,250	\$ 71,250	\$ 213,750
Civilian Overtime	22,500	15,000	15,000	52,500
Travel	9,095	3,843	8,940	21,878
Supplies	159,060	14,000	14,037	187,097
Equipment	10,000	0	0	10,000
Contracts	25,000	15,000	10,000	50,000
Subawards	107,348	60,801	61,059	229,208
Other costs	23,300	23,300	22,300	68,900
Total	\$ 427,553	\$ 203,194	\$ 202,586	\$ 833,333

It should be noted that the LAPD report did not include reimbursements for related costs for sworn and civilian overtime in support of this program. Therefore, it is recommended that a portion of grant funds be reprogrammed for eligible overtime and related cost reimbursements.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6, Mayor and Council approval of the grant award is required before accepting and receiving the grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to retroactively accept the 2021 Collaborative Approaches towards Preventing and Addressing Hate Crime (Hate Crime) grant award of up to \$833,333 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for a three year term beginning on October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. No matching funds are required for this grant. Reimbursements are expected to increase by \$27,740 and will be deposited into Revenue Source Code 5349 Police Grants Related Costs for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 and 2023-24.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.

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