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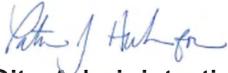
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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo,  City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated May 11, 2022

Subject: **2020 DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT – BUDGET MODIFICATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to transfer funds totaling \$441,564 within the 2020 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant, approved by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs;
2. Transfer \$153,317 from the Police Department Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001090, Overtime General to the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339/70, Account No. 70T502, 2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement & Backlog Reduction Program;
3. Authorize the Department to reprogram a portion of the 2020 DNA CEBR Program grant funds to pursue eligible related cost reimbursements for the use of civilian overtime and transfer the 2020 DNA CEBR Program grant funds from Fund 339/70, Revenue Source Code 5349, Police Grant 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; and,
4. 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

At its meeting of May 10, 2022, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the proposed

modification to the grant award in support of the 2020 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program.

The 2020 DNA CEBR Program provides funding to state and local units of government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA and DNA database samples, and to increase capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis.

On April 7, 2021, the Council authorized the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to retroactively apply for and accept the grant award for the 2020 DNA CEBR Program from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (C.F. 20-1590). The performance period for the grant was two years retroactively beginning on October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022. The grant award was up to \$1,270,014 and did not require a City match. The grant provided funding to support the LAPD’s Forensic Science Division, Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) to analyze additional DNA cases and meet future demands for screening and testing by providing funding for civilian Criminalists and support staff to process DNA cases on an overtime basis, travel, equipment, and DNA reagent supplies.

The LAPD is seeking approval to modify the initial grant budget by reprogramming \$441,564 originally allocated to civilian Criminalists and support staff, travel, and other expenses. Funding will be adjusted for the purchase of additional DNA reagent kits to help reduce the number of outstanding samples to be analyzed and equipment, including Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) thermalcyclers and Real-time PCR instruments to ensure reliability and efficient testing.

Table 1

Category	Current Budget	Change	New Budget
Personnel	\$ 553,317	\$ (153,317)	\$ 400,000
Travel	73,256	(11,740)	61,516
Equipment	160,000	93,725	253,725
Supplies	6,641	347,839	354,480
Other	476,800	(276,507)	200,293
Total	\$ 1,270,014	\$ 0	\$ 1,270,014

The Grantor approved the grant award budget modification on April 21, 2022. It should be noted that LAPD report did not include reimbursements for eligible related costs for civilian overtime in support for this program in accordance to the 2020 DNA CEBR Program Grant. Therefore, it is recommended that a portion of grant funds be reprogrammed for eligible related cost reimbursements.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6 and 14.8, Mayor and Council approval is required for any grant applications and program amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will allow the Los Angeles Police Department to reprogram \$441,564 in grant funds from the 2020 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program for the purchase of additional DNA reagent kits and equipment. There is no City match required under the grant terms. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.

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