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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 March 1, 2022;
transmitted to the Office of the City Administrative Officer on March 25, 2022.

Subject: **2021 CONNECT AND PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
RESPONSE 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 \$550,000 relative to the 2021 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program (Connect and Protect) 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 Connect and Protect 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 \$550,000 within the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, for disbursement of the BJA 2021 Connect and Protect 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 \$150,000, for the provision of grant research partner services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
5. Transfer \$100,000 from the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No.

001092, Overtime Sworn;

6. Transfer the 2021 Connect and Protect 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 the 2021 Connect and Protect grant funds to reflect eligible related cost reimbursements for the use of sworn overtime; 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 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program (Connect and Protect) 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 Connect and Protect Program offers grants to help entities prepare, design, or enhance a law enforcement-cooperative response that target qualified individuals convicted of crimes and promote public safety and public health. The LAPD's Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU), is a nationally recognized program that involves a law enforcement and mental health co-response to high-frequency calls of individuals with mental illnesses and substance abuse problems who come in contact with police officers multiple times. The LAPD, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (County), work collaboratively to assess and treat qualified individuals into support programs.

The LAPD applied for the 2021 Connect and Protect grant by the July 2021 deadline and was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$550,000. The grant award has a three-year performance period that started on October 1, 2021 and will expire on September 30, 2024. The Connect and Protect Program will require the LAPD to promote effective strategies to individuals with mental illnesses that 1. Reduce the risk of harm and public safety; 2. Treat women accused of crimes with mental health; 3. Propose interventions to reduce recidivism; and, 4. Use assessment tools to target moderate or high risk recidivism in need of treatment.

Under the terms of the grant award, the LAPD shall use funds to increase efforts by public safety officials and mental health agencies to connect individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse with treatment and social service programs; improve public safety through specialized training for officer and mental health agencies; increase cooperation between state and local governments to support individuals with mental illnesses; and in part, that funds are used for transition and reentry services to treat incarcerated populations. The LAPD will also be required to provide performance data that measures the results of funded activities. The

grant requires a City match of 20 percent of total project costs in years 1 and 2 and 40 percent of total project costs in year 3.

The LAPD will allocate grant funding and in-kind City match for one Sergeant II and one Detective II to support outreach, field and collaboration work of the MEU, 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 and City match is based on a Federal formula are as follows:

Table 1

Grant Award	Year 1 – 80%	Year 2 – 80%	Year 3 – 40%	Total
Sworn Overtime	\$ 10,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 170,000
Travel	29,511	29,511	11,534	70,556
Supplies	19,264	3,200	1,200	23,664
Equipment	10,000	0	0	10,000
Contracts	50,000	10,000	0	60,000
Subawards	82,442	26,327	41,231	150,000
Other costs	10,820	29,480	25,480	65,780
Total Grant	\$ 212,037	\$ 198,518	\$ 139,445	\$ 550,000
City Match	Year 1 – 20%	Year 2 – 20%	Year 3 – 40%	Total
Sworn Salaries	\$ 30,181	\$ 28,235	\$ 52,888	\$ 111,304
Sworn Fringe Benefits	22,828	21,395	40,075	84,298
Total Match	\$ 53,009	\$ 49,630	\$ 92,963	\$ 195,602
Total Program Costs	\$ 265,046	\$ 248,148	\$ 232,408	\$ 745,602

The City match requirement is calculated at \$195,602 for salaries (\$111,304) and benefits (\$84,298), which will be fulfilled through existing sworn personnel within LAPD's Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU).

It should be noted that the LAPD report did not include reimbursements for related costs for sworn overtime in support of this program. 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, 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 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response (Connect and Protect) Program grant award of up to \$550,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for a three year term that

began on October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. Acceptance of this award requires the City to provide a grant match of \$195,602 over the three year term. Funding for the City match requirement, which includes partial salaries and related costs for one Sergeant II and one Detective III, is provided through existing budgeted funds within the LAPD budget. There is no additional impact on the General Fund. The grant reimbursements for related costs will be deposited into Revenue Source Code 5349, Police Grants Related Costs.

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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