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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated December 6, 2022

Subject: 2021 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE GRANT

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PROGRAM - OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY

PREVENTION

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 supplemental grant award for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program in the amount of \$1,090,276 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute either new agreements or to amend any agreements with affiliate task force agencies in collaboration to prevent, interdict, investigate and prosecute internet crimes against children, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - d. Negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement for a Task Force Coordinator for a sum not to exceed \$96,704, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
- 2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$1,090,276 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;

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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;

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Increase grant receivables and appropriate \$1,090,276 to Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program grant funds;
- b. Increase appropriations by for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amount as follows:

Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime \$ 22,200 Account No. 001092 Sworn Overtime \$ 100,200

- c. Increase appropriations by \$10,572.90 for the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program as needed from Appropriation Account No. 70V416, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, Related Costs; and
- 4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on Council Calendar on July 1, 2023, the following action relative to the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to:

a. Transfer appropriation from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, Account No. 70V416, to Fund No. 100, Department 70, account numbers and amounts as follows:

Account No. 001090 Civilian Overtime \$ 7,400 Account No. 001092 Sworn Overtime \$ 33,400

b. Transfer \$3,524.50 from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, Account No. 70V416, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, Related Costs.

SUMMARY

In 2021, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was awarded \$947,074 for Los Angeles regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. In October 2022, supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,090,276 was awarded for a total of \$2,037,350.

The LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$1,090,276 grant award for the 2021 ICAC Task Force Program from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice. The grant award has a performance period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Since 2003, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention have provided continuous supplemental funding to LAPD's ICAC Task Force Program. Funds provided under this program are intended to:

- Coordinate, plan and organize the 96 law enforcement agencies affiliated with the LA ICAC Task Force as directed by ICAC Commander and Program Director;
- Ensure local and law enforcement agencies are better equipped to investigate computer crimes against children by offenders using the Internet, on-line communication systems, and other technologies;
- Prosecute cases at the local, state and federal level;
- Provide educational programs and computer safety tips for law enforcement officers, teachers, parents, and children;
- Serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies within the service area; and,
- Participate in nationally-coordinated investigations.

The LAPD will allocate grant award funds for the following activities:

- Sworn and Civilian overtime to support the task force activities that include follow ups, internet safety presentations, site visits, investigations to intercept potential suspects, forensic investigations, hands on training, victim interviews, review cyber tips, perform special details and operations, and execute time sensitive search warrants;
- Sworn (9.44-percent) and Civilian (5.02-percent) overtime fringe benefits from the approved CAP 41;
- Travel costs for training seminars and conferences to aid the Task Force in its investigative techniques including ICAC Supervisory Quarterly meetings, ICAC National Conference, Magnet User Summit, Florida ICAC Conference, and Northwest Regional ICAC Conference;
- Equipment costs to purchase four Cellebrite UFED 4PC, eight Forensic Gaming Laptops, one MSAB Advance System, one ODIN Intelligence Software, and 17 Cellebrite Renewals to extract phone data, parse and analyze the data and potentially gain access to the suspect's cloud data, and triage and extract suspect data;
- Supplies costs to purchase 400 Flash drives, 400 Hard drives, five laptops, 11 Dell XPS desktop computers, 40 Hunchly software licenses, and general office supplies;
- Consultant costs for affiliate agencies to attend training and conferences including ICAC National Conference, Magnet User Summit, Florida ICAC Conference, and Northwest Regional ICAC Conference;
- Contractor costs for a Task Force Coordinator to plan and organize work and resources and perform a wide range of administrative duties of the ICAC Task Force at an hourly rate of \$81.25 for an estimated amount of 1,048 hours for this grant including travel for ICAC Supervisory Quarterly meetings, ICAC National Conference, ICAC Regional Conference, and Magnet User Summit; and,
- Other costs such as forensic software, licenses, cellular phone service and registration fees for various conferences and training.

In 2021, the LA ICAC Task Force received 24,192 CyberTips, while year-to-date it has received 26,236. Based upon the current trend, the Task Force anticipates receiving upwards of 36,000 CyberTips, representing a 48-percent increase since 2021. In addition, in 2021, the Task Force

completed 33 Federal search warrants and 34 subpoenas, obtained 5,000 State/Local search warrants and 241 subpoenas, and made 1,129 arrests on complaints filed.

A summary of the 2021 ICAC grant award expense categories is provided in the chart below. A detail of these expenses can be found under the Budget Detail Summary View in the grant award documents included in the Board Transmittal.

Expense Category	Amount
Personnel (Sworn Overtime)	\$ 133,600
Personnel (Civilian Overtime)	29,600
Fringe Benefits	14,098
Travel	48,977
Equipment	189,110
Supplies	146,871
Consultants	157,406
Contractor	96,704
Other costs	273,910
Total	\$ 1,090,276

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 within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the expenditure of the 2021 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program grant award totaling \$1,090,276 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice. 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 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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