

**REPORT FROM**

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To: The Mayor  
The Council

From:   
Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated October 4, 2022

Subject: **2021-2024 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AWARD**

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**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 grant award of \$266,568 for the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant, by and through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, with funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance;
  - b. Negotiate and execute the grant agreement for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
  - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
  - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$266,568 in accordance with the grant award agreement;
  - 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. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$266,568 to appropriation account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt

and disbursement of the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant funds;

- b. Increase appropriations by \$149,468 on an as-needed basis from the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn;
  - c. Increase appropriations by \$17,100 on an as-needed basis from the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, Related Costs;
4. Instruct the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the first regular meeting on or after July 1, 2023, the following instruction:

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

- a. Increase appropriations by \$89,734 on an as-needed basis from the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn; and,
- b. Increase appropriations by \$10,266 on an as-needed basis from the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, Related Costs.

## **SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$266,568 grant award for the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant by and through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) with the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, with funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, through the SANDAG, the assigned fiscal agent for the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California for this funding. The program purpose areas and mandates for the sub-award solicitation were limited to Intervention, Prevention, Outreach, and Reentry, and Law Enforcement. The LAPD applied under the Law Enforcement and Prevention categories and was awarded \$266,568 to counteract the precipitous increase in violent crime by applying enforcement and prevention strategies in the Department's 77<sup>th</sup> Area. The LAPD will scan and analyze the problem of violent crime and gun crime reduction, respond to the problem appropriately, and assess the success or limitations of the approach. The analysis process will involve the collection of qualitative and quantitative data that is critical in understanding the causes of the problem. Depending on the results of the analysis and input from the officers, community and businesses, the response phase may include the following strategies:

- Formation and deployment of a Violent Crime Task Force that focuses on gun crime and shooters;
- Prevention efforts consisting of the use of high visibility patrols in targeted, hot spot areas within identified Neighborhood Engagement Areas; foot and bike patrols in and around businesses and residential areas; participation of gang units in community-sponsored events; and the use of Community Relations Officers working in neighborhoods and schools;
- Collaboration and interaction with the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) where investigators from LAPD’s South Bureau and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives work together to solve shootings linked through the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network; and,
- Collaboration with LAPD’s Community Safety Partnership Bureau that works with youth in housing developments through sports activities, school-based assistance and mentoring, as well as working with the Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development.

In addition, during the summer months of June through August, the Summer Violence Reduction Strategy will be increased in 77<sup>th</sup>, through the deployment of Senior Lead Officers, gang units and regular patrol officers.

Program performance during the term of the grant will be tracked by the Department and reported through quarterly performance metrics submitted to both the SANDAG and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The final program assessment will consist of an evaluation of the overall strategies employed in order to determine whether the response was successful in reducing, preventing, or mitigating the crime problem, with a specific focus on summer violence. Program performance will be tracked during the performance the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

The grant will fund a total of \$239,202 for sworn overtime in 77<sup>th</sup> Area for intervention and suppression strategies over two years (\$149,468 in 2022-23, and \$89,734 in 2023-24). Funding in the amount of \$27,366 is also provided for related costs (fringe benefits). Under the grant agreement, the SANDAG will reimburse the City for expenses incurred as follows:

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sworn Overtime	\$ 239,202
Related Costs*	27,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 266,568</b>

\* Based on approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) Rate 41

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2021-2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant award totaling \$266,568. The grant will provide overtime funding for sworn personnel and funding for related costs. 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 provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time grant-eligible program expenditures.

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