

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated November 14, 2022

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS PROGRAM – GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award of \$175,000 for the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Policing Development (FY22 CPD) Microgrants Program, from the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant award, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Execute a new contract or amend existing agreements with Journey Out for the provision of wraparound services to victims of human trafficking, for a term from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, for a sum not to exceed \$50,000, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to \$175,000 in funding in accordance with the grant award agreement;
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339, Department 70;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$175,000 to an appropriation

account to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY22 CPD Microgrants Program grant funds;

- b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis for the FY22 CPD Microgrants Program from appropriation account to be determined, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Sworn Overtime; Amount: \$42,500;
 - c. Transfer appropriations within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account numbers to be determined, for fringe benefits and related costs, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAPD, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, of the related costs incurred during the grant performance period;
4. Authorize the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the FY22 CPD Microgrants Program, on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2023, or the first meeting day thereafter:

Authorize the Controller to transfer an appropriation from Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account number and amount as follows:

Account No. 001092, Sworn Overtime: \$42,500

5. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) through its Board of Police Commissioners, requests authority to retroactively apply for and subsequently accept a grant award in the amount of \$175,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Policing Development Microgrants Program. The term of the grant award is from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

The Department intends to utilize the grant award to address human trafficking and the associated violent and property crime along the 'Figueroa Track', which spans Figueroa Street between Vernon Avenue and Imperial Highway in South Los Angeles. The communities along this corridor are served by the Department's 77th Street Area Division. The principle goal of this grant award will be to reduce Part 1 crimes through the implementation of four main objectives: 1) Building trust and earning legitimacy; 2) Investing in prevention and intervention programs; 3) Targeted enforcement efforts and priorities; and, 4) Measuring results.

In order to accomplish these goals, the 77th Street Vice & Human Trafficking Unit will partner with Journey Out, a Los Angeles-based non-profit whose mission is to help victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. This approach will utilize an intelligence-based strategy to realign its focus and enforcement endeavors toward human traffickers and move away from traditional law enforcement activity against commercial sex workers. The overarching goals of the program is to engage in impactful enforcement in order to improve the quality of life for the impacted communities of South Los Angeles that live along and adjacent to the Figueroa corridor; ensure for results-driven wraparound services to the victims of human trafficking through non-governmental organization partnerships; decrease violent crime in this area; and hold those accountable for committing these crimes.

The Department will allocate the grant funding to purchase surveillance equipment consisting of a mirrorless camera and lens (\$20,233.78); supplies (\$8,301.22); travel and expenses for staff attendance at the North American Human Trafficking Conference in Las Vegas, NV (\$11,465); wraparound services as provided by Journey Out (\$50,000); and overtime for human trafficking surveillance and investigations (\$85,000).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will provide for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Policing Development Microgrants Program grant award in the amount of \$175,000, for the grant performance period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.