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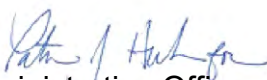
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Council District --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated November 21, 2022

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFF- HIGHWAY MOTOR
VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT 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 \$78,305 for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Law Enforcement Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (FY22-23 LE OHMVR) Grant Program, from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the period of November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023;
- b. Negotiate and execute the grant award, 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 \$78,305 in funding in accordance with the grant award agreement;
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipt into Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$78,305 to an appropriation account to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of FY22-23 LE OHMVR Program grant funds; and,
- b. Increase appropriations for the FY22-23 LE OHMVR Grant Program from an

appropriation account to be determined, Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn; Amount: \$76,630;

- c. Transfer appropriations from Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, Account No. 001092, Overtime Sworn, to 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 LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the 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 \$78,305 from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Law Enforcement OHMVR Program. The term of the grant award is from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023.

The Department intends to utilize the grant award to increase its enforcement efforts in protected open spaces throughout the City of Los Angeles where off-highway motor vehicles (OMVs) are prohibited, providing protection of life and property. The grant will allow the Department's highly specialized Off-Road Unit (ORU) to provide education to OHV enthusiasts and direct the public to legal riding areas. Grant funding will also enable the ORU to purchase a four-seat, side-by-side vehicle to replace an older two-seat unit that is reaching its final stage of serviceability. The requested vehicle will be deployed during OHV enforcement details and used to transport personnel, equipment and gear. Since the vehicle has the capability of traversing rugged terrain, this feature is especially necessary for transporting arrestees. To effectively carry out its patrol and enforcement functions, the ORU partners with several agencies, including, among others, the Los Angeles Fire Department, for search and rescue efforts and public notification in high severity fire zones during Red Flag days; the United States Department of Forestry within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest to prevent illegal off-highway vehicle activities and related damage caused to natural resources; the Department of Water and Power and the Southern California Gas Company, in order to patrol the areas surrounding power distribution lines and transmission towers, and natural gas lines and underground storage tanks. Illegal OHV activities occurring in these areas can pose serious fire hazards that could ignite wildfires and potentially result in the loss of life and property.

The Department will allocate the grant funding for sworn overtime (\$70,020), overtime fringe benefits (\$6,610) to provide increased enforcement patrols; and safety equipment (\$1,675) to

effectively carry out these efforts.

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 2022-23 Law Enforcement OHMVR Program grant award in the amount of \$78,305, for the grant performance period of November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. The grant requires a minimum in-kind match of 25-percent of the grant program budget, which will be satisfied by utilizing salaries for the Off-Road Unit personnel and funds for the purchase of safety gear.

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.

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