

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Toxicology Laboratory, from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 CTFGP - Toxicology Laboratory award in the amount of \$700,000 from the CHP, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
 - b. Execute an award agreement with the CHP, subject to the City Attorney approval as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to spend up to \$700,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$700,000 within the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339/70, account number to be determined, for disbursement of the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 CTFGP - Toxicology Laboratory grant funds.
4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in Fund No. 339/70.
 - b. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, request the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners (Board). The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the September 27, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will authorize the LAPD to retroactively accept the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 CTFGP Toxicology Laboratory grant award of \$700,000 from the CHP, for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. 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 CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the September 27, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, current operations will be funded by current revenues.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 10, 2023, your Committee considered July 18, 2023 Board and September 27, 2023 CAO reports relative to the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 CTFGP Toxicology Laboratory, from the CHP, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$700,000 grant award for the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 CTFGP– Toxicology Laboratory, from the CHP, for September 27, 2023 period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

The CHP's CTFGP– Toxicology Laboratory provides education, prevention, and enforcement of impaired driving laws related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis. For FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, the CHP has extended the funding opportunity to toxicology laboratories to improve and advance the standardization of practices in toxicology laboratories supporting and aiding in the enforcement of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) traffic laws related to alcohol and other drugs, including cannabis and cannabis products.

\The grant opportunity focuses on eliminating backlog in the analysis of forensic science evidence, including toxicology/forensic alcohol and controlled substances/drug chemistry for DUI and/or DUID prosecution, reducing turnaround time for sample testing, purchasing and/or upgrading equipment to improve testing capabilities, and reducing or eliminating the need for outsourced testing by private laboratories. The LAPD Forensic Science Division Toxicology (TOX) Unit was awarded \$700,000 to implement the Cannabinoid Confirmation Test Improvement Program. The Program proposes to improve testing capabilities and capacity for the cannabinoid confirmation test method. Currently, the TOX Unit meets all Tier 1 confirmatory testing guidelines for cannabinoids, central nervous system depressants, and central nervous system stimulants, but does not meet the recommendations for narcotic analgesics, confirming only six of the eleven recommended drugs.

This program will provide for the following: 1) comply with the standards for confirmatory testing of DUID blood specimens; 2) include the top five most prevalent fentanyl analogues in the DUID confirmatory testing scope; 3) reduce the amount of blood specimen used for narcotic analgesic confirmations; and, 4) eliminate the need for subcontracted testing to meet standards for confirmatory testing for narcotic analgesics. The grant funds will be used to purchase a next generation ultra-high-performance Liquid Chromatograph with Tandem Mass Spectrometers, capable of accurate mass determination and targeted drug detection. Due to its exceptional sensitivity and resolving power, this instrument is capable of analyzing multiple drugs simultaneously using a smaller volume of blood specimen. Funds will also be used for overtime hours spent in validating the new narcotic analgesic confirmation method. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend

approval of the recommendations contained in the July 18, 2023 Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	NO

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