

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: February 21, 2019
To: The Mayor and Council
From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer
Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated December 5, 2018; referred for report January 10, 2019
Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2018 STRATEGIES FOR POLICING INNOVATION PROGRAM – GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD**

CAO File No. 0150-07129-0023
Council File No. 18-1219
Council District: --

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 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation Program grant in the amount of \$700,000 for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022;
 - b. Negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc., a subrecipient agency, for the provision of grant research partner services, for a term within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$225,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with the University of California, Los Angeles, a subrecipient agency, for the provision of grant research partner services, for a term within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$150,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
 - d. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$700,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement; and,

- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the grant receipts in the Police Department Grants Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;
- c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, 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 \$700,000 to an appropriation account to be determined, in Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation Program;

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$700,000 grant award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation Program (SPIP) grant and to execute a grant award agreement between the City and the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022.

The 2018 SPIP grant provides funding to police agencies to identify and address the most pressing crime problems; to institute lasting operational and organizational changes; and, to foster reliance on evidence-based practices, data, and technology. Specifically for the LAPD, funding from the 2018 SPIP will allow for the implementation of "Solving Crime through Innovations: Investigating Homicides and Shootings in Los Angeles." The focus of this program is to enhance the LAPD's ability to investigate and solve gang-related homicides and shootings by accomplishing the following four goals: to increase the resolution of homicides and shootings by determining the predictors of homicide clearances and convictions and the differences between them; to improve the prediction of case clearance and conviction for homicides in the LAPD South Bureau by analyzing data from Murder Books; to work with investigators and researchers to create and use a new instrument/algorithm that assists in using the predictors in the field; and, to determine the impact of adopting said instrument/algorithm on clearance rates, conviction rates, and homicide rates.

To assist with the grant objectives, the LAPD is also seeking approval to negotiate and execute professional services agreements with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc., (JSS) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for the provision of grant research partner services, for a term within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$225,000 and \$150,000, respectively. The JSS will serve as a research partner, evaluating and analyzing the implementation of the program, and UCLA will provide assistance in developing the machine learning instrument/algorithm. A technology consultant will also be hired to provide expertise on hardware and software solutions supporting investigative operations.

Funding from the 2018 SPIP grant will be distributed as follows:

Expense Category	Year One Amount	Year Two Amount	Year Three Amount	Year Four Amount	TOTAL
Travel	\$ 7,802	\$ 7,790	\$ 7,790	\$ --	\$ 23,382
Equipment	--	237,000	0	--	237,000
Supplies	435	16,600	600	--	17,635
Subawards/Subgrants	93,124	117,616	108,309	55,951	375,000
Procurement Contracts	3,783	--	--	--	3,783
Other Costs*	--	14,400	14,400	14,400	43,200
TOTAL	\$ 105,144	\$ 393,406	\$ 131,099	\$ 70,351	\$ 700,000

*Cellular service for 40 handheld devices deployed in the field.

Funding in the amount of \$237,000 will be utilized to purchase a high speed scanner (\$137,000) and two mobile license plate readers (\$100,000). The equipment purchases will allow the Department to continue its efforts in converting the Murder Books, which is a compilation of multiple forms, files, notes, and other systematic information related to a murder case, into a digital format. This will not only ensure the preservation of the Murder Books, but also provide a platform for the Department to easily conduct searches. Currently, over 6,000 Murder Books have been scanned and an additional 9,000 Murder Books remain.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will provide up to \$700,000 in funding to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for the 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation Program grant. No matching funds are required and there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations. Acceptance of the grant and the approval of the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies, whereas one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

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