

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council File No. 07-2305-S1

Council District: --

To: The City Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated October 27, 2011

Subject: **2009 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA PROGRAM GRANT MODIFICATION**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking approval to modify funding categories for the 2009 Solving Cold Cases with Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Program Grant funds. The major objectives of the 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program are: 1) the review and prioritization of "cold" homicides and sexual assault cases that have the potential of being solved through DNA analysis; 2) the retrieval and evaluation of biological evidence; 3) DNA analysis of biological evidence likely to yield results from those cases reviewed; and, 4) follow-up investigations. The 2009 grant award provided the LAPD with \$1,128,519 in funding to review and process 800 homicide and sexual assault cases that have the potential of being solved through DNA analysis.

Under the terms of the modified grant budget, the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will reimburse the City for expenses incurred as follows:

Category	Current Budget	Change	Modified Budget
Overtime	\$ 407,460	\$ (65,880)	\$ 341,580
Travel	\$ 44,814	\$ (37,000)	\$ 7,814
Equipment	\$ 850	\$ (850)	\$ -
Consultants/Contracts	\$ 655,750	\$112,625	\$ 768,375
Costs – Registration Fees	\$ 19,645	\$ (8,895)	\$ 10,750
TOTAL	\$1,128,519		\$ 1,128,519

Due to advances in DNA technologies, samples from crime scenes once thought to be unsuitable for DNA testing or samples that generated inconclusive results may now yield DNA profiles. Accordingly, the Department requests authority to modify the current 2009 grant budget to reallocate \$112,625 from various line items to fund contract laboratory services to perform DNA analysis on evidence obtained from additional cold cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to reprogram \$112,625 in 2009 Solving Cold Cases with Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Program Grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ);
2. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to negotiate, execute and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award cooperative agreement to the grantor and to negotiate, execute and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
3. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to increase existing contracts with Orchid Cellmark, Bode Technology, Serological Research Institute, and Fairfax Identity Laboratories by an amount not to exceed \$112,625 for contractual services related to DNA analysis; and
4. Authorize the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program costs are fully reimbursable. Therefore, there is no impact to the General Fund as the acceptance of the grant does not require the City to provide matching funds. The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies, as one-time expenditures are fully funded through a one-time source of funds.

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October 27, 2011

BPC #11-0401

The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention Pamela Finley

Dear Honorable Mayor:

RE: TRANSMITTAL FOR APPROVAL TO REPROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE 2009 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 25, 2011, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Maria Silva

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL FOR APPROVAL TO REPROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE 2009 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant application, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council reference.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to AUTHORIZE the LAPD to reprogram funds, totaling \$112,625, for the 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program (2009-DN-BX-K007) as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New Budget</u>
Personnel Services	\$407,460	- \$65,880	\$341,580
Travel	\$44,814	- \$37,000	\$7,814
Equipment	\$850	- \$850	\$0
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Other	\$19,645	- \$8,895	\$10,750
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DISCUSSION

The 2009 Solving Cold Cases With DNA Program provides funding to state and local units of government to identify, review and investigate "cold" or unsolved cases of homicides or Uniform Crime Report, Part I sexual assaults that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. As a result of advances in DNA technologies, samples from crime scenes once thought to be unsuitable for DNA testing or samples that generated inconclusive results may now yield DNA profiles.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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The reprogramming of funds to the Consultants/Contracts budget category totaling \$112,625 will allow the Department to utilize outside contract laboratories to perform DNA analysis on evidence from additional cold cases.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Senior Management Analyst Nancy Cammarata, Officer in Charge, Contracts and Grants Section, at (213) 486-0380.

Very truly yours,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *October 25, 2011*
Secretary *Maria Silva*