

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the term and modifying budget allocations for the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to reprogram funds totaling \$127,600 within the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ).
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept the NIJ no-cost extension for the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program through December 31, 2013.
  - b. Execute an amendment to Contract No. C-121595 between the City of Los Angeles and Bode Technology Group, Inc., to extend the performance and payment period for laboratory DNA analysis services on the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program through December 31, 2013, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
  - c. Execute an amendment to Contract No. C-122276 between the City of Los Angeles and Orchid Cellmark, Inc. to extend the performance and payment period for laboratory DNA analysis services on the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program through December 31, 2013, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to increase appropriations as needed from Fund 339/70, Account No. 70G528 2010 Solving Cold Cases, to Fund 100/70, Account No. 1090 Civilian Overtime by an amount not to exceed \$43,614. 4.
4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustment, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program costs are fully reimbursable. The above recommendations comply with City financial policies in that one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated November 18, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAPD requests approval to modify funding amounts within the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program grant and to extend the grant term in order to complete the Program, the use of funds, and the payment of contractor invoices. LAPD also requests authority to extend the terms of existing laboratory DNA analysis contracts with Bode Technology Group, Inc., and Orchid Cellmark, Inc.

The CAO reports that the major objectives of the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program are to review and prioritize 800 "cold" homicide and sexual assault cases that have the potential of being solved through DNA analysis; retrieve and evaluate biological evidence; analyze DNA in biological evidence likely

to yield results from the reviewed cases; and, pursue follow-up investigations. LAPD's requests are necessary for accurate documentation and to comply with the grant requirements. These changes include an increased need for in-house and contractual laboratory analysis services, reduced overtime usage for investigations, and adjustments to trainings and conferences attended by staff. Also, a Federal audit determined that the use of grant funds for indirect administration costs is not allowable, therefore those funds must be reprogrammed.

On November 5, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's requests. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held November 22, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve LAPD's requests to modify the 2010 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program grant term and to effect budget re-allocations, and related actions, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ENGLANDER:    | YES         |
| BUSCAINO:     | YES         |
| BONIN:        | ABSENT      |
| O'FARRELL     | YES         |
| MARTINEZ:     | ABSENT      |

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