

COMMUNICATION

File No. 10-1739

TO: COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to acceptance of a grant award of \$862,338 for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division for the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or his designee to approve the contract between the City and the County of Los Angeles, as detailed in the October 31, 2011 City Administrative Officer (CAO) report, and attached to the Council file, in the amount of \$862,338 for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or his designee to accept the funding in the amount of \$862,338 from the County of Los Angeles and to execute the contract as described above in Recommendation No. 1, subject to the approval of the Office of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable from the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$862,338.
 - b. Upon receipt of grant funds establish the following appropriation accounts within Fund 368, City Attorney Grant Fund, Department 12 as follows:

Account 12H301 - Personal Services	\$851,838
Account 12H303 - Operating Expenses	\$ 10,500
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to submit invoices to the County of Los Angeles on a monthly basis to ensure that the General Fund is reimbursed in a timely manner.
5. REQUEST the City Attorney to reimburse the General Fund for salaries, operating expenses and fringe benefits from the City Attorney Grant Fund, Fund 368, Department 12 upon receipt of reimbursements from the County.
6. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the 2011-12 Victim Assistance Program (VAP) is \$1,073,157 of which \$862,338 will be reimbursed by the County of Los

Angeles for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits. The General Fund impact will be \$210,819 which is the City's match of \$132,974 for fringe benefits and an additional contribution of \$77,845 for overhead. No additional appropriation is needed as these are continuing positions. The acceptance of the grant funds is consistent with the City's Financial Policies in that one time revenue will support one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On November 18, 2011, the Chair and one member of the Public Safety Committee considered an October 31, 2011 CAO report relative to the acceptance of a grant award of \$862,338 for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 from the CalFEMA Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division for the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (VAP). According to the CAO, the City Attorney is requesting approval to accept \$862,338 in grant funding for the VAP for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12. These funds are awarded from the County of Los Angeles and are administered by Cal-FEMA Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division. These funds are provided to directly serve victims of crime and survivors of homicide victims in the City.

Victim advocates provide crisis intervention and emergency services, resource and referral services, and court support and case disposition services. City Attorney reports that services were provided to 7,501 new victims in 2010-11. Direct services continue to be provided at various Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) divisions or at City Attorney branch offices. This grant directly supports the salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits for eleven regular positions.

The total cost of the program is \$1,073,157 of which \$862,338 will be reimbursed as a General Fund revenue receipt. The remaining \$210,819 is the City's required match of \$132,974 for fringe benefits and \$77,845 for overhead. No additional appropriation is needed as these are existing positions. The City Attorney's Office has advised this Office that the General Fund has been reimbursed \$601,388 for FY 2010-11 and the remaining balance will be processed as soon as possible.

After consideration, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the October 31, 2011 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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