

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 10-1739

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a grant award for the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program.

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute the contract between the City and the County of Los Angeles for the Victim Assistance Program Sub-Award in the amount of \$962,338 for the period July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$962,338 from the County of Los Angeles.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$962,338 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish the following appropriation account within Fund 368 as follows:

Account 12J301 - FY 12-13 Victim Assistance Program - \$962,338
4. TRANSFER up to \$950,555 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12301J to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Depts., upon receipt of reimbursement.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the total cost of the Victim Assistance Program is \$1,142,506, of which \$962,338 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles for salaries, operating expenses, and fringe benefits. The General Fund impact will be \$180,168 for related costs. Acceptance and use of the grant funds are consistent with City financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from the continuation of the grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated August 15, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$962,338 in grant funding for the

Victim Assistance Program. The CAO reports that the State of California's Emergency Management Agency awarded the County of Los Angeles \$3,849,352 to provide victim-witness services. Of that amount, \$962,338 will be awarded by the County to the City Attorney's Office. Grant funds will provide for salaries, operating expenses and fringe benefits for 11 regular authority positions (including nine full-time victim advocates). Staff provides services to victims of crime and survivors of homicide victims including crisis intervention, resource and referral assistance, assistance with victim of crime claims, restitution assistance, and funeral arrangements. Victim advocates are assigned to Police Department divisions and City Attorney branch offices. According to the City Attorney's Office, more than 8,000 victims received services in 2011-12. The CAO recommends approval of the City Attorney's request.

At its meeting held August 24, 2012, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations authorizing the City Attorney to accept the grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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