

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 13-0043

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to 2012 California Coverdell Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to fund overtime for the Department's Scientific Investigation Division (SID).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2012 California Coverdell Grant Program in the amount of \$87,017 from the State of California Emergency Management Agency for the period October 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the 2012 Coverdell Agreement on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award; 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.
2. AUTHORIZE LAPD to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable in Fund 339 in the amount of \$87,017 and establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund 339, Department 70 for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds.
 - b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 339/70	To Be Determined	2012 Coverdell Grant	\$66,000
<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To: 100/70	1090	Civilian Overtime	\$66,000
4. AUTHORIZE LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the Council Calendar on July 1, 2013, or the first available Council meeting day thereafter, the following action relative to the 2012 Coverdell Grant:

Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis as follows:

From:	<u>Fund/Dept</u> 339/70	<u>Account No.</u> To Be Determined	<u>Account Name</u> 2012 Coverdell Grant	<u>Amount</u> \$21,017
To:	<u>Fund/Dept</u> 100/70	<u>Account No.</u> 001090	<u>Account Name</u> Civilian Overtime	<u>Amount</u> \$21,017

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant is in compliance with City financial policies as one-time revenue is used for one-time expenses.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated March 20, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAPD seeks retroactive approval to apply for and accept the 2012 California Coverdell Program grant award in the amount of a \$87,017 from the California Emergency Management Agency. According to the CAO, the purpose of the Coverdell Program is to assist state and local laboratories improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services. LAPD's SID Criminalistics Laboratory will use the grant funds to provide overtime for civilian staff in the Narcotics Analysis and Firearms Analysis Unit.

The CAO reports that the \$87,017 grant award will fund civilian overtime to reduce current, and prevent future, backlogs of non-DNA casework by 57 cases in the Firearms Analysis Unit. The Department notes that a high volume of case load analysis and employee attrition contributed to the origin and growth of these backlogs. In addition, a portion of the funds will allow forensic scientists in the Narcotics Analysis Unit to complete casework analysis of controlled substances and meet the 48-hour turn-around time required by the judicial system for analyzing evidence from felony narcotics offenders. On January 8, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

At the special Public Safety Committee meeting held March 27, 2013, the Committee Chair recommended that Council authorize LAPD to accept the grant award and approve the related actions above, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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