

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a grant award from The California Endowment for the City Attorney's Neighborhood Justice Program.

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

1. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney, or designee, to:
 - a. Approve the accompanying grant award between the City of Los Angeles and The California Endowment.
 - b. Execute the grant award from The California Endowment on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney, or designee, to accept the grant award in the amount of \$523,850 for funding the Neighborhood Justice Program for the period December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2016.
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable in the amount of \$523,850 within Fund 368/12.
 - b. Establish appropriation Account 12L950, The California Endowment Neighborhood Justice Program Grant within Fund 368/12 in the amount of \$523,850.
 - c. Transfer \$66,938 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L950, The California Endowment Neighborhood Justice Program Grant to Fund 100/12, Account 001020 Salaries Grant Reimbursed.
 - d. Upon receipt of grant funds, transfer up to \$223,452 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L950 to Fund 100/12, Revenue Source 5301, Reimbursement from Other Funds/Dept.
4. **INSTRUCT** the City Clerk to place on the Council calendar for JULY 1, 2015, the following action relative to The California Endowment grant for the Neighborhood Justice Program:

TRANSFER \$162,495 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L950, The California Endowment Neighborhood Justice Program Grant to Fund 100/12, Account 001020 Salaries Grant Reimbursed.
5. **INSTRUCT** the City Clerk to place on the Council calendar for JULY 1, 2016, or on the first available Council meeting agenda thereafter, the following action relative to The California Endowment grant for the Neighborhood Justice Program:

TRANSFER \$68,782 from Fund 368/12, Account 12L950, The California Endowment Neighborhood Justice Program Grant to Fund 100/12, Account 001020 Salaries Grant Reimbursed.
6. **RESOLVE** that position authority is **APPROVED** and **CONFIRMED** for two Administrative

Coordinator II resolution authorities in the City Attorney's Office for the period February 15, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

7. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, 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. Approving the above recommendations will allow for the disbursement of the Neighborhood Justice Program funding from The California Endowment. Grant funding will cover the direct and indirect costs of two Administrative Coordinator positions. There is no required match for this grant. The above recommendations are in compliance with City financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from this grant.

Community Impact Statement: No

(The Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated January 21, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the City Attorney requests authority to accept \$523,850 in grant funding from The California Endowment for the Neighborhood Justice Program. The purpose of the Neighborhood Justice Program is to identify first-time, non-violent offenders, divert them from the traditional criminal justice system before criminal charges are ever filed, and encourage community participation in responding to quality of life crimes. The program is administered through panels located throughout the City. Community panelists trained by City Attorney staff on the mechanics of the criminal justice system, the principles of Restorative Justice, and receive practical training on how to run the panels hear cases regarding crimes committed by eligible participants in the surrounding areas. Grant funds will be used to pay the salaries and benefits of two additional staff members to perform the work related to the grant. The CAO recommends approval of the CAO's request and the related actions above.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize the City Attorney to accept this grant award and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

ENGLANDER: YES

BUSCAINO: YES
BONIN: YES
O'FARRELL: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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