File No. 14-1375

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to extending the terms of the 2012 Solving Cold Cases with Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Program grant award and program contracts, and reallocating grant funds.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to accept a no-cost extension for the 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justices, extending the award period to March 31, 2015.

2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to reprogram grant funds totaling $60,077, as follows:

Category	Current Allocation	Modification	Revised Amount
Civilian Overtime	$70,993	$(5,293)	$65,700
Sworn Overtime	127,575	(17,293)	110,282
Travel	5,036	27,447	32,483
Equipment	17,081	(17,081)	0
Contractual Services	277,835	(20,410)	257,425
Other	1,480	32,630	34,110
Total:	$500,000	$0	$500,000

3. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to negotiate and execute no cost contract amendments with The Bode Technology Group, Inc. (C-121595) and Orchid Cellmark, Forensics Inc. (C-122276) for the purpose of extending the contract terms March 31, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

4. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller's instructions for any 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. The 2012 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 a one-time expense.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated October 31, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAPD requests authority to extend the term of the 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program grant award, modify program funding amounts, and extend the terms of two program contracts. Total grant funding in the amount of $500,000 remains unchanged. On October 7, 2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

According to the CAO, the Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program provides periodic funding to states and local governments to identify, review, and investigate violent crime cold cases that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. The proposed modification of grant funding will pay for travel and training expenses related to DNA and Cold Case investigations and laptops/ accessories for detectives in LAPD's Cold Case Homicide Unit. Approval of the contract extensions will ensure that professional forensic DNA analysis services continue to be available during the extended term of the grant.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held November 14, 2014, the Committee Vice-Chair and Member recommended that Council approve LAPD's requests relative to the 2012 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program grant award, as discussed above, and as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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