



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

June 8, 2015

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Notification of Submission of Application and Request for Authority to Accept Grant Award from the California Board of State and Community Corrections for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program Fiscal Year 2015-16 and Adoption of a Resolution

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety is informing the City Council of the submission of a grant application for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program FY 2015-16. The State of California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) issued a solicitation for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG) on April 24, 2015. The application was submitted on May 28, 2015 and requested the total allocation to the City of Los Angeles of \$109,581 for the program period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Attachment 1).

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to accept and expend grant funds for the JABG FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$109,581. Based on JABG guidelines, the federal funds may not exceed 90% of the total program costs, and therefore requires a local cash match of \$12,176 (10%). The Mayor's Office is requesting authority from City Council to accept its grant award share and utilize the California State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) to provide a total of \$12,176 in matching funds for LAPD sworn officers for the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) program in FY 2015-16. The SLESF is administered by the Mayor's Office for front-line law enforcement services. The Mayor's Office has the authority to utilize these funds in this manner. With the match, the total program cost of the grant is \$121,756.

For JABG FY 2015-16, the funding shall supplement the salaries of the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) operational team in the Rampart and 77<sup>th</sup> Division CLEAR sites, for a total of \$106,305 by partially supporting one Deputy City Attorney III and one Deputy City Attorney II. The total amount for salaries for these positions over a 12 month period is approximately \$277,870. The remaining \$171,565 will be covered by the City Attorney's General Fund budget for FY 15-16.

This grant requires a ten percent (10%) cash match, as stated on page two of the grant solicitation. It is allowable to use state funds for the cash match requirement of this grant. As such, the California State Supplemental Services Fund (SLESF) will provide the required \$12,176 match for this program. The match will support the LAPD officers who are working in the Rampart and 77<sup>th</sup> Division CLEAR sites. We do not anticipate a general fund impact.

The JABG FY 2015-16 Budget is as follows:

<b>Budget Line Items</b>	<b>Grant Funds</b>	<b>Cash Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries (City Attorney and LAPD)	\$106,305	\$12,176	\$118,231
Administrative Costs	\$3,276		\$3,276
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109,581</b>	<b>\$12,176</b>	<b>\$121,757</b>

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety will administer the program and is responsible for grant compliance and accounting. The grant allows that administrative costs be no more than 5 percent of the total grant award. The Mayor's Office will utilize approximately 3 percent (2.99%) of the grant award, or \$3,276, to support two Mayoral Aides responsible for administering the grant. The Mayor's Office will also work with the CLEAR Executive Committee, who will serve as the local advisory board to the grant and whose members will commit resources to the implementation of the program.

### **Background**

The JABG is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, and is managed as a pass-through by the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). JABG funds are allocated to states in the form of block grants to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. States in turn provide direct distributions to local jurisdictions in accordance with a formula based on local criminal justice expenditures and level of violent crime. Local jurisdictions are awarded funds to implement and expand programs that address any of the 17 federally defined program purpose areas, with a focus on evidence-based practices. For Fiscal Year 2015-16, California distributed a total of \$1,936,480 to 23 jurisdictions; of which the City received a direct allocation of \$109,581. The City has received JABG funds since 2000

and since 2007 has been using these funds for the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) program.

The primary purpose of CLEAR is to facilitate the recovery of gang-infested communities. This is accomplished by decreasing the criminal activity of targeted gangs in designated communities through an effective collaboration with City and County criminal justice agencies. The CLEAR Team includes the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles City Attorney, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

The State of California also requires the adoption of a Resolution that addresses the City's approval relative to the JABG program (Attachment 2). The total JABG grant budget, including the required ten percent (10%) cash match, is \$121,757.

**I THEREFORE REQUEST** that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to accept the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) FY 2015-16 grant award of up to \$109,581 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections for a one-year performance period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and to negotiate, execute and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
2. **ADOPT** the attached governing body resolution which endorses the grant agreement and agrees to comply with the program and funding requirements of the grant, and that the City will approve all matching funds for this grant;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:
  - a. **CREATE** a new interest-bearing Fund, titled the FY15-16 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Fund, establish a receivable in this new Fund in the amount of \$109,581 and create new **Appropriation Accounts** within the new Fund XXX, Department 46 as follows:

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
46M146	Mayor	\$ 2,271
46M299	Related Costs	1,005
46M112	City Attorney- salaries for CLEAR	<u>106,305</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,581</b>

- b. **TRANSFER** \$2,271 from Fund XXX, Department 46, Account No. 46M146 to Fund 100, Department 46, Account No. 1020 (Salaries, Reimbursed) to reimburse the General Fund for JABG -related salary expenditures;

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- c. **INSTRUCT** the Controller to transfer \$1,005 from Fund XXX, Account No. 46M299 to the Mayor's General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;
  - d. **TRANSFER** cash from Fund No. XXX, Department 46, Account 46M112 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 1010 to reimburse the General Fund in an amount up to \$106,305 upon presentation of proper documentation from the City Attorney and approval from the Mayor's Office of such invoices for JABG-related expenditures; and
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to prepare Controllers instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and instruct the controller to implement the instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachments

- 1 Grant Application
- 2 Governing Body Resolution