

REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor  
The Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated November 7, 2018; referred for report November 7, 2018.

Subject: **OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - FISCAL YEAR 2018 SEXUAL ASSAULT JUSTICE INITIATIVE GRANT AWARD**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept on behalf of the City, the FY 2018 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative Bridge Funding Grant Award (FY18 SAJI) in the amount of \$100,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, for a performance period of January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2019;
  - b. Execute the Grant Award Agreement on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - c. Adopt the FY 2018 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative Bridge Funding Grant Award budget and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the approved budget;
  - d. Submit to the grantor on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, requests for drawdown of funds for payment or reimbursements of City and partner jurisdiction funds expended for approved grant purposes; and
  - e. Receive, deposit into, and disburse from the FY 2015 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative Grant Award Fund, the grant funds from the FY18 SAJI Bridge Funding Grant Award;

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Create a receivable in Fund 58K in the amount of \$100,000 for the FY18 SAJI grant;
- b. Expend and receive funds upon presentation of documentation and proper demand from the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to reimburse City Departments;
- c. Appropriate funds within Fund 58K, Department 46 as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
58K/46	46R112	City Attorney – Salaries	\$ 52,235
58K/46	46R146	Mayor	3,263
58K/46	46R299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	44,502
Total			<u>\$ 100,000</u>

- d. Transfer appropriations from Fund 58K, Department 46 in the amount of \$55,498 on an as-needed basis to reimburse the General Fund for grant-related expenditures, as follows:

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<u>Fund/Dept. No.</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/12	001010	City Attorney – Salaries	\$ 52,235
100/46	001020	Grant Reimbursed	3,263
Total			<u>\$ 55,498</u>

- e. Transfer up to \$42,891 from Fund 58K, Account No. 46R299 to the City Attorney's General Fund No. 100, Department 12, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded related costs;
- f. Transfer up to \$1,611 from Fund 58K, Account No. 46R299 to the General Fund No. 100, Department 46, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
- g. Transfer cash from Fund 58K/46 to reimburse the General Fund, on an as-needed basis, upon proper documentation, City Departments, subject to the approval of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety; and,

3. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller's instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

**SUMMARY**

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety requests authority to accept the grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) for the Fiscal Year 2018 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative (FY18 SAJI) Bridge Funding. The FY18 SAJI Bridge Funding is a supplemental award to the FY 2015 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative grant award for \$400,000 for a performance period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017, which was adopted by Council on May 24, 2016. On December 15, 2017, OVW approved a no-cost grant performance period extension until July 31, 2018. The acceptance of the FY18 SAJI Bridge Funding will extend the performance period to January 31, 2019. There is no matching requirement for this grant.

The Sexual Assault Justice Initiative, a special project of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), funds enhanced community responses to sexual violence with an emphasis on improving prosecution through the implementation of performance measures for sexual assault prosecution that look beyond conviction rates and reflect evidence-based practices. The grant will be utilized by Team PROTECT (Promising Resources and Organizations to Enhance Cases and Trials), which was established by the City in 2016, and the City's collaborative partners, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Public Safety, and the Santa Monica-UCLA Rape Treatment Center, to a) maintain or increase the number of sexual assault cases filed and handled by prosecutors; b) increase collaboration among prosecutors, victim services providers, and investigators/detectives; c) improve data collection to track sexual battery cases; d) enhance the use of a criminal case management system for measuring the effectiveness of prosecution practices; e) assess and enhance ways of ensuring that victims can access resources in their native languages; f) continue to implement features of the Response to Sexual Violence for Prosecutors (RSVP) model; g) engage in technical assistance; and h) participate in the SAJI evaluation.

The budget for the Fiscal Year 2018 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative (FY18 SAJI) Bridge Funding Grant Award is as follows:

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel – City Attorney	\$52,235
Fringe Benefits – City Attorney	\$24,091
Grant Administration	\$4,874
Indirect Costs – City Attorney	\$18,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

Funding in the amount of \$76,326 (\$52,235 for salary expenditures and \$24,091 for fringe benefits) will be used to partially fund one existing Deputy City Attorney III position which will maintain grant programmatic support to collaborate and participate in SAJI enforcement objectives, and one

existing Assistant City Attorney which will maintain supervisory oversight and support in addressing complex issues. One Deputy City Attorney position was provided in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget, which will continue to review and vertically prosecute sexual assault cases in the Special Trials Unit.

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety will be responsible for the management and administration of the grant award. A total of \$4,874 (\$3,263 for salary expenditures and \$1,611 for fringe benefits) will be used to fund a percentage of a Mayoral Aide V position assigned to this grant.

A total of \$18,800, calculated with the Cost Allocation Plan 39 Fringe Benefits Rate, includes \$12,244 for Central Services and \$6,556 for the Department's Administration and Support.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no additional General Fund impact. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2018 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative Grant award in the amount of \$100,000 will provide an enhanced community response to sexual violence with an emphasis on improving prosecution. Acceptance of the grant and the recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funds will be used for one-time expenditures.

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