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Honorable City Council
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From: Leela Kapur, Chief of Staff

Date: January 14, 2019

Re: Revised: Victim Assistance Program (VAP) Grant for Fiscal Year 2018-19
Continuation of Funding, Council File No. 18-1228

Transmitted herewith for Mayor and City Council consideration is a revision to the December 7, 2018 request to accept grant funding totaling **\$2,127,191** for FY 2018-19 to support the City's Victim Assistance Program (VAP) during its 39th year.

This formula grant is awarded by the California Office of Emergency Services, which is the pass through agency for federal Victims of Crime Act funds. The County of Los Angeles is the prime recipient of these funds, with the City of Los Angeles as its sub-recipient. The County has confirmed its intent to make \$2,127,191 (25% of total available funds) for the continued operation of VAP for FY 2018-19 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019).

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program (VAP) assists victims of crime through the provision of state mandated services (CA Penal Code Section 13835.5) including: emergency support, crisis intervention, referrals to community and governmental agencies, restitution assistance, orienting victims with the criminal justice system and supporting them throughout the court process, and aid in procuring financial assistance through the California Victims of Crime Compensation Program for out-of-pocket crime-related costs (medical, mental health counseling, income/support, funeral/burial, and relocation).

During FY 2017-18 (October 2017 to September 2018), VAP staff served **7,034** new and continuing crime victims, through the following services: **6,115** assists with filing for California Victim Compensation Board applications; **2,337** crisis counseling/intervention;

2,208 criminal justice support/advocacy; and **6,295** follow-ups and information referral to resources. Additionally, VAP staff provided **399** presentations to public, governmental, and law enforcement agencies regarding the program.

Acceptance of this grant provides funding for FY 2018-19 in the amount of \$2,127,191. Funds will support existing staff -- one resolution authority and 10 contract positions -- through the first quarter of the grant period. In the second quarter, the 10 contract positions will be converted to five full-time Witness Service Coordinator positions **per new resolution authority positions being requested herein. These positions are necessary to ensure citywide victim services coverage by trained victim advocates, who assist victims of crime through the provision of state mandated services and financial assistance.**

Victim services will continue at existing locations throughout the City, including the Central Office of the City Attorney, Van Nuys City Hall, Central Bureau Family Justice Center, and the following Los Angeles Police Stations: Harbor, Hollenbeck, Newton, Northeast, North Hollywood, Olympic, Southwest, West Los Angeles, Wilshire, South Traffic, Valley Traffic, and West Traffic.

The required match of \$50,943 will be met by a cash match, through the salaries and benefits of existing Witness Service Coordinators assigned to the City Attorney's Family Violence Unit, and a portion of indirect costs.

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