



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

August 17, 2020

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

**Re: Request for Authority to Accept Grant Award for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services & Public Safety Branch, Fiscal Year 2020 Increased Access to Services (KU) Program**

Dear Honorable Members:

On March 2, 2020 the Mayor's Office of Public Safety submitted a grant application (Attachment A) to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services & Public Safety Branch, Fiscal Year 2020 Increased Access to Services (FY 20 KU) Program. On May 20, 2020, Cal OES notified the Mayor's Office of Public Safety (MOPS) of a grant award (Attachment B) under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding in the amount of \$125,000 for a performance period of April, 1 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the City Council is a request to accept and expend the grant award in accordance with the approved budget.

### **Background**

The FY20 KU Program is designed to provide funding for programmatic needs of agencies to address issues of sexual assault, domestic violence (DV), dating violence, and stalking of individuals with disabilities, or with access and functional needs. It encourages collaborative programs that result in new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

## **Central Bureau Family Justice Center (FJC)**

### Historical Overview

On or about April 1, 2018, MOPS, in collaboration with City of Los Angeles (City) and County of Los Angeles (County) partners, opened the Central Bureau Family Justice Center (FJC) to provide comprehensive co-located services to victims of DV. MOPS used grant funds to provide increased services at the newly developed FJC

### Family Justice Center Services

The FJC provides services to the most egregious DV cases, in which victims have experienced acute trauma, serious mental or physical injuries, or other life threatening harm. The FJC facilitates a multidisciplinary approach, whereby the City, County, and service providers can offer victims case management, legal navigation support, investigative, medical and counseling services in a centralized facility. The FY20 KU Program funding will continue reducing barriers to accessing services for disabled DV victims; develop stronger partnerships with community-based DV service providers; enhance victims safety by offering on site access to temporary restraining orders (TRO), and educating victims of the appropriate resources made available to them through these City partnerships. The participating agencies are the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles Department on Disabilities (DOD), and the non-profit service provider Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA).

The FY20 KU grant will provide for the following personnel and operating expenses:

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contractual Services- Los Angeles County Bar Association	\$82,000
Contractual Services – Department on Disabilities	\$8,000
Grant Administration – Mayor Salaries and Fringe benefits	\$35,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

### **Los Angeles County Bar Association**

A total of \$82,000 has been budgeted for the LACBA to provide victim's with legal support filing a TRO, transportation for victims to and from the FJC and other victim service-related appointments, and advocacy services at the FJC.

### **Department on Disabilities**

A total of \$8,000 has been budgeted for the DOD to provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for victims who are hearing impaired at the FJC.

### **Grant Administration**

A total of \$35,000 has been budgeted for the management and administrative (M&A) costs associated with this grant. Of that amount, \$24,908 is budgeted for salaries and \$10,092 is budgeted for the fringe benefits. Please note, said M&A will account for the partial salary costs of a Project Director/Grant Specialist, as well as the Accountant. Staff is responsible for coordinating the grant-funded program, administering all

contracts, overseeing the implementation and monitoring of grant-funded programs, collecting program data and reporting to the grantor, and all accounting and auditing responsibilities.

It is therefore requested that the City Council:

**1. AUTHORIZE** the Mayor or his designee, to:

- a. **Accept** on behalf of the City, the Fiscal Year 2020 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Victim Services & Public Safety Branch, Fiscal Year 2020 Increased Access to Services (FY20 KU) Program in the amount of \$125,000, for a performance period of April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020;
- b. **Execute** the Grant Award Agreement and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
- c. **Execute** on behalf of the City, a Professional Services Agreement with the Los Angeles County Bar Association, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, for the distribution of the FY20 KU grant funds for a term within the applicable grant performance period for a cumulative total not to exceed \$82,000.

**2. APPROVE** the Fiscal Year 2020 Increased Access to Services Program budget and authorize the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to expend the grant in accordance with the approved budget.

**3. AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:

- a. **ESTABLISH** a new interest-bearing Fund entitled "FY2020 KU Grant", create a receivable in the Fund in the amount of \$125,000, and create new **Appropriation Accounts** within the new Fund No. XXX/46 as follows:

<b>Fund/ Dept. No.</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
XXX/46	46T146	Mayor	\$24,908.00
XXX/46	46T299	Reimbursement of General Fund Costs	10,092.00
XXX/46	46T304	Contractual Services	82,000.00
XXX/46	46T965	Department on Disabilities	<u>8,000.00</u>
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>

- b. Transfer appropriations from Fund XXX/46 to the General Fund to reimburse grant related expenditures, as follows:

<b>Fund/Dept No.</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
From: XXX/46	46T146	Mayor	<u>\$24,908.00</u>
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$24,908.00</b>

<b>Fund/Dept No.</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
To: 100/46	001020	Grant Reimb	<u>\$24,908.00</u>
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$24,908.00</b>

- c. **EXPEND** funds upon presentation of proper demands from the Office of the Mayor.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to transfer up to \$10,092 from Fund XXX, Account No. 46T299 to the General Fund 100/46, Revenue Source No. 5346, for reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits;
5. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to transfer cash from Fund XXX/46 to reimburse the General Fund, on an as-needed basis, upon presentation of proper documentation from City Departments; and
6. **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.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachments

- A - Grant Application
- B - Award Letter