

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the acceptance of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program grant award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
  - a. Approve the accompanying grant award between the City and the California Office of Traffic Safety.
  - b. Execute said grant award on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
  - c. Accept the grant award in the amount of \$724,966 for funding the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.
2. RESOLVE that the following positions are APPROVED and CONFIRMED for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 for one Legal Assistant (Class Code 0565).
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within Fund No. 368/12 in the amount of \$724,966.
  - b. Establish Appropriation Account No. 12S231- Impaired Driving Prosecution within Fund No. 368/12 in the amount of \$724,966.
  - c. Transfer \$296,922 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12S231- Impaired Driving Prosecution to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 1010 Salaries General.
  - d. Upon receipt of grant funds, transfer \$182,587.24 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12R231- Impaired Driving Prosecution to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 5346 Related Costs Reimbursement-Grants.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the first regular Council meeting on **July 1, 2020**, or shortly thereafter, the following action in connection with the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program:

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to transfer \$98,974 from Fund No. 368/12, Account No. 12S231-FY 19-20 Impaired Driving Prosecution to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 1010 Salaries General.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary 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 approval of this request will allow for the disbursement of Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Grant funding will cover the direct and indirect costs of three existing positions at the level of Deputy City Attorney I and one new Legal Assistant I position. There is no new General Fund impact. The recommendations contained in the September 9, 2019 CAO report, attached to the Council file, are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 2, 2019, the Personnel and Animal Welfare (PAW) Committee considered September 9, 2019 CAO and August 8, 2019 City Attorney reports relative to the acceptance of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program grant award. According to the City Attorney, it is submitting for Council consideration grant funding totaling \$724,966 awarded by the Office of Traffic Safety, which is the pass through agency for the National Institute of Traffic and Highway Safety Agency. Now in its eighth year, this award will provide reimbursable funding for the salaries and fringe benefits for three Deputy City Attorney positions from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and the addition of one new legal assistant support staff member. Together, this team will aggressively prosecute driving under the influence offenders (both alcohol and drugs) within the City of Los Angeles as part of the "Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving Vertical Prosecution Program."

Impaired driving is a significant public safety issue. During the first three quarters of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 grant period (September 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019), the City Attorney's Office reviewed 6,081 driving while impaired referrals and filed 5,500 cases. Of these, 796 cases filed involved driving under the influence of drugs (DUID). FY 2019-20 grant resources will maintain three full-time DUID vertical prosecution positions across the city and support one new Legal Assistant I position to work on matters directly related to the DUID vertical prosecution unit. Because the grant provides full cost recovery there is no general fund impact. The grant award will also provide reimbursable funding for travel expenses for the three prosecutors to attend trainings and traffic safety conferences. It is anticipated that grant funding will continue beyond FY 2020-21 as a result of grantee performance and the ongoing need for resources in this area. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the PAW Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. Subsequently, on October 23, 2019, the Public Safety Committee also considered this matter and after having provided an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the PAW Committee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



**MEMBER VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES

PRICE: YES

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**MEMBER    VOTE**

RODRIGUEZ: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

RYU: YES

LEE: ABSENT

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