

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of a grant for the Neighborhood Justice Program (NJP) in the amount of \$137,810 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to approve the Standard Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, attached to the Council file, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. ACCEPT funding in the amount of \$137,810 from the County of Los Angeles Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services.
3. APPROVE the City cash and in-kind match and additional contribution in the amount of \$34,452 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a receivable within the Community Justice Initiative Trust Fund, Fund No. 368, in the amount of \$137,000 from the County of Los Angeles.
 - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund No. 368 as follows: Account No. 12S702- Dispute Resolution Program Restorative Justice (DRPRJ) Grant - \$137,810.
 - c. Transfer \$89,941 from Fund No. 368, Account No. 12S702 to Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 1010- Salaries General.
 - d. Upon receipt of grant funds, transfer up to \$41,481 from Fund No. 368, Account No. 12S702 to Fund No. 100/12, Revenue Account No. 5348- Related Cost Reimbursements from Grants.
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 the total cost of the FY 2018-19 DRPRJ is \$172,263, of which \$137,810 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services. The match requirement for the grant is \$34,453, which will be satisfied through the Salaries and Fringe Benefit costs of five City Attorney Administrator Coordinators and one City Attorney Administrative Coordinator II. Funding for these positions has already been provided in the City Attorney's FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget and is further supplemented by the Proposition 56 Decreasing Adolescent Tobacco Access grant in the amount of \$77,966. The remaining City match requirement will be met through Materials/Supplies (\$625), Travel (\$185), and Training (\$788) Expenses. The recommendations contained in the November 7, 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 grant receipts.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 22, 2020, your Committee considered November 7, 2019 and September 30, 2019 City Attorney reports relative to the acceptance of a grant for the NJP in the amount of \$137,810 for FY 2018-19. According to the City Attorney, this is a is FY 2019-20 grant funding totaling \$137,810 to offset six ongoing NJP positions. Funding originates from the County of Los Angeles Department Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, following a competitive process. The County serves as the pass through agency to allocate California Dispute Resolution Program Act monies. This term represents Year One of a five year grant award, renewable each year. The NJP provides eligible first-time, non-violent misdemeanor offenders a valuable opportunity to participate in a pre-filing diversion program in lieu of having their case filed and processed through the traditional criminal justice system. During FY 2018-19, the NJP initiated 615 diversion cases and successfully resolved 592 of them. A total of 12 mediators and 19 stakeholder groups underwent training. As of June 30, 2019, the NJP has received a total of 4,934 referrals for pre-filing diversion, initiated 2,952 diversion cases, and successfully resolved 2,718 of them. The NJP's total two-year citywide recidivism rate (including all 21 Los Angeles Police Department area divisions) was five percent. The NJP has co-located 10 community panel sites at Family Source Centers throughout the City of Los Angeles. NJP participants have completed 21,389 hours of community service throughout Los Angeles. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the grant award as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | ABSENT |
| RYU: | YES |
| LEE: | YES |

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