

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), or designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award for the 2019 Paul Coverdell Program Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in the amount of \$175,000 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
 - b. Negotiate and execute the Grant Agreement, attached to the Council file, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to set up a grant receivable and appropriate \$175,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2019 Paul Coverdell Program Grant funds.
3. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:
 - a. Spend up to the grant amount of \$175,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts into Fund No. 339/70.
 - c. Prepare Controller instructions for any 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 the recommendations contained in the November 20, 2019 CAO report, attached to the Council file, will allow for the expenditure of the 2019 Paul Coverdell Program grant award totaling \$175,000. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. These actions are also in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are sufficient to support grant activities. No matching funds are required.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 22, 2019, your Committee considered November 20, 2019 CAO and November 5, 2019 Board of Police Commissioners reports relative to the 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program grant. According to the CAO, the LAPD is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$175,000 grant award for the 2019 Paul Coverdell Program

Grant from the OJP in the amount of \$175,000. The grant term is from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The OJP awards the Paul Coverdell Program grant to states and units of local government to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science and medical examiner services. Grant funds may also be used to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence. The 2019 Paul Coverdell Program grant will fund the purchase of equipment that will assist with the implementation of the LAPD Forensic Science Division (FSD) Forensic Testing and Gun Violence projects by reducing the firearms analysis backlog and improving the FSD's testing capacity for opioids, over-the-counter medications, and other drug-impairing substances. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



MEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES

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