

REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated November 5, 2019; referred for report November 7, 2019; Supplemental information received December 5, 2019

Subject: **2019 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES GRANT AWARD**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or his designee, to:
 - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the 2019 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant in the amount of \$710,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022;
 - b. Negotiate and execute the grant agreement for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend existing agreements between the City of Los Angeles and Axon Enterprises, LLC to include the purchase of grant-funded cameras and related licensing and storage in the amount not to exceed \$664,113 within the period between October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:
 - a. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339, Department 70;
 - b. Spend up to the grant amount of \$710,000 in accordance with the grant award agreement;

- c. Prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions;
3. Direct the Los Angeles Police Department to report all costs related to the Body-Worn Video Camera program, including but not limited to equipment, subscriptions, and other expenses to the Office of the Controller for inclusion in the Cost Allocation Plan rates applied to Sworn Salaries and Sworn Overtime; and,
4. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$710,000 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of Body-Worn Camera and Policy Implementation Program grant funds.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$710,000 grant award for the 2019 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant (BWCP) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BOJA) for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. Under the grant agreement, the BOJA will reimburse the City for the purchase of 355 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC), accessories, partial funding for related licenses and cellular phone service, and \$4,352 for travel expenses to attend BOJA-mandated training and conferences. The grant award will allow for the deployment of BWCs with full-time and overtime staffing details in the Transit Services Division (TSD), which provides police services to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's rail and bus system.

The grant requires matching expenditures of \$710,000 which will consist of cell phone data connections (\$332,280) and BWC licenses (\$377,720) paid for by the General Fund. The match will be met over three years, consisting of \$124,605 in 2020-21; \$457,861 in 2021-22; and \$127,534 in 2022-23. Note that these annual costs reflect only the match requirement; to maintain the program after the grant expires, the General Fund will be required to assume its full cost which will be approximately \$1.42 million annually; this is in addition to the existing BWC program which costs approximately \$12 million annually. To ensure the City is fully reimbursed for BWC-related expenses when officers deploy on straight or overtime to non-City assignments, this report recommends that the LAPD be directed to report all costs for the BWC program to the Office of the City Controller for inclusion in the Cost Allocation Plan's (CAP) rates for sworn salaries and sworn overtime, including but not limited to, expenses for equipment, licenses, and subscriptions. With these costs reflected in the CAP rates, the City will be reimbursed on a pro-rated basis for the use of its BWC technology by non-City users and a portion of the ongoing annual cost of this service will be offset by increased revenue from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and other non-City entities utilizing BWC-equipped LAPD officers.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the 2019 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant award totaling \$710,000. The grant will provide funding for 355 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) and accessories, partial funding for related licenses and cellular phone service, and \$4,352 for travel expenses to attend United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance mandated training and conferences. The grant requires matching expenditures of \$710,000 which will consist of BWC licenses (\$377,720) and phone services (\$332,280) provided by the General Fund. The match will be met over three years, consisting of \$124,605 in 2020-21; \$457,861 in 2021-22; and \$127,534 in 2022-23. To fund the matching requirements, the Police Department will request additional appropriations through the Annual Budget process. Upon expiration of the grant, the General Fund will be required to assume the total cost of the program (\$1.42 million). These expenses may be fully offset by increased revenue through the application of Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) rates to sworn salaries and sworn overtime rates to be reimbursed by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and/or other non-City users of LAPD sworn services. It should be noted that the CAP rates do not currently include these costs, therefore it is necessary for the Police Department to report the cost data to the Office of the City Controller and for the Controller to adjust the rates for sworn salaries and sworn overtime to reflect these costs.

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