

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Victim Emergency Assistance Program (VEAP) grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
 - a. Approve the Standard Agreement with the State of California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) for the period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
 - b. 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.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION authorizing the City Attorney to enter into an agreement between the VCGCB and the City of Los Angeles in connection with the advance of \$300,000 as authorized under Government Code Section 6504, to pay qualifying claims for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 with the City Attorney to exercise appropriate internal records over the issuance of funds and requests for reimbursement of funds to replenish the account.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to maintain the revolving account entitled Victim Emergency Award Payment within Fund No. 368/12, administered by the Office of the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no General Fund impact. Approval of the recommendations contained in the July 28, 2020 CAO report, attached to the Council file, will allow the Office of the City Attorney to continue maintaining an existing revolving fund utilized to financially assist victims and witnesses of crimes. The City Attorney's Office is responsible for the disbursement of funds to claimants upon approval of the VCGCB and must seek reimbursement from the VCGCB to maintain funding in the revolving fund. There is no match requirement for this grant. The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that grant funds are strictly limited to emergency expenses for victims and witnesses of crimes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 11, 2020, your Committee considered a July 15, 2020 City Attorney and July 28, 2020 CAO reports relative to the FY 2020-21 VEAP grant. According to the City Attorney, this 36-month grant award extension for the VEAP. This extension will maintain a \$300,000 revolving fund intended to provide emergency financial assistance to victims and witnesses from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. VEAP provides financial assistance to victims and witnesses of crimes such as domestic violence, child and elder abuse, hate crimes, sexual assault, robbery and assault, drunk driving, hit and run, and homicide. Financial assistance includes payments for

domestic violence relocation expenses, emergency expenses for victims of sexual assault, verified funeral and burial claims, and crime scene clean-up expenses. The Office of the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (VAP), which is located throughout the City of Los Angeles, administers VEAP by maintaining a VEAP account from which it issues payments. Thereafter, the payments are verified by the VAP's Joint Powers of Verification Unit, who reimburses the City for its disbursements. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the grant funding 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>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES

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8/11/20

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