

REPORT FROM

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Council District:

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Mayor Transmittal dated September 29, 2022; Additional information provided through October 26, 2022

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF A \$371,590 AWARD FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (CDCA) 2019 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) GRANT FROM THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) TO SUPPORT THE GANG REDUCTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (GRYD) PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to accept the 2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods (2019 PSN) Grant in the amount of \$371,590 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for support the City's Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Program, effective for a performance period of September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the implementation of this program, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
2. Adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution as requested by the grantor and subject to the City Attorney as to form, which endorses the grant agreement and attests to compliance with the program and funding requirements of the grant;
3. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to negotiate and execute a sub-recipient agreement with the Police Department (LAPD) in an amount not to exceed \$130,088, to coordinate prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies in the Foothill Division, effective for a one-year performance period from September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2023, subject to the availability of funds, compliance with City contracting requirements, and the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;

4. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with El Nido Family Centers in an amount not to exceed \$230,659, to provide prevention services in the Foothill GRYD Zone and LAPD Division, effective for a one-year performance period from September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2023, subject to the availability of funds, compliance with City contracting requirements, and the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
5. Authorize the Controller to establish a new fund entitled 2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods (2019 PSN) Grant Fund No. XXX/46, recognize a receivable in the amount of \$371,590, disburse the grant funds upon presentation of documentation or proper demand from the Mayor's Office, and create new appropriation accounts within the new Fund XXX/46 as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
46W146	Mayor	\$ 6,649
46W299	Reimbursement of General Fund	2,704
46W170	LAPD	130,088
46W304	Contractual Services	230,659
46W213	Travel	<u>1,490</u>
	TOTAL:	\$371,590

6. Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations within the Mayor's Budget Fund No. 100/46, Account No. 001020 Salaries, Grant Reimbursed for up to \$6,649, to be reimbursed by grant-funded salary costs by the 2019 PSN Grant Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46W146, Mayor;
7. Authorize the Controller to transfer up to \$2,704 from the 2019 PSN Grant Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46W299, Reimbursement of General Fund, to the Mayor Fund No. Fund 100/46, Revenue Source Code 5346 Related Cost Reimbursement from Grants for reimbursement of grant-funded related costs;
8. Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations within the Police Department's Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001092 Salaries Sworn Overtime for up to \$130,088 to be reimbursed by grant-funded costs by the 2019 PSN Grant Fund XXX/46, Account No. 46W170 LAPD;
9. Approve a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$200,000 to support youth prevention service-related activities under the 2019 PSN Grant, which is to be repaid by the Mayor's Office upon receipt of reimbursement from the DOJ for the PSN award;
10. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58 and appropriate therefrom to the 2019 PSN Grant Fund No. XXX/ 46, Account No. 46W304 Contractual Services;
11. Request that the Mayor, or designee, to submit invoices to the DOJ on a quarterly basis to ensure timely repayment of the Reserve Fund loan and with the anticipation of full repayment no later than the end of the grant performance period; and

12. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions or any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on the matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (Mayor's GRYD Office) requests authority to accept a grant award in the amount of \$371,590 for the Central District of California's (CDCA) 2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods (2019 PSN) Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The grant funds will be used to support the City's comprehensive Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Program Strategy and enhance prevention services within the Foothill GRYD Zone for the period of September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2023. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Background

The purpose of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program is to promote safer neighborhoods and communities through concerted efforts to reduce violent crime, criminal gangs, and the illegal possession and use of firearms. This program provides critical funding, resources, and training for PSN teams (law enforcement, prosecutors, schools, community groups, and other entities) to combat violent crime and ensure safer communities by adopting a comprehensive approach to public safety. The program's effectiveness is contingent upon continuous coordination, cooperation, and partnerships with all stakeholders.

On August 6, 2020, the Mayor's GRYD Office collaborated with the Police Department (LAPD) to submit a PSN application citing the current crime data with a proposal to utilize funds to provide prevention services and law enforcement efforts to address long-standing Hispanic gang activity in the Foothill Division area and GRYD Zone. The City was subsequently awarded a grant in the amount of \$371,590. This Office proposes adoption of the recommendations in this Report in that some modifications were necessary to enable implementation of the 2019 PSN Grant.

2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

The PSN funds will be utilized to support the Mayor's GRYD Office and LAPD efforts to implement a comprehensive approach to addressing Hispanic gang membership and activities in the Foothill GRYD Zone and Foothill Division respectively. More specifically, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) sworn personnel assigned to the San Fernando Gardens (SFG) housing development will coordinate prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies through collaboration and partnerships with schools, community groups, and other entities or stakeholders.

The Mayor's GRYD Office will execute a sub-recipient agreement with the LAPD (\$130,088) to coordinate ongoing public safety and law enforcement activities in the City's Foothill Division. They will work together to implement gang prevention, crime control, and neighborhood engagement strategies. The CSP officers in the SFG will coordinate with other entities and personnel (Senior

Lead Officers, Gang Impact Team, patrol resources) to provide a public safety presence around schools, recreational facilities, and community events to address criminal activity concerns. The CSP officers also collaborate with various organizations and community groups as well as other entities to offer programs designed to prevent, intervene and suppress gang membership and criminal activity. Additionally, CSP officers plan to host meetings with community members and stakeholders to address crime and public safety concerns.

The Mayor’s GRYD Office will use the PSN funds (\$230,659) to contract with the El Nido Family Centers (El Nido), a GRYD prevention provider, to collaborate with the LAPD to deliver extensive comprehensive services to youth and their families in the Foothill GRYD Zone. El Nido will provide prevention services that are designed to focus on addressing problem behaviors associated to risk factors for joining gangs to youth and their families. Services may include counseling, mentoring, recreational activities, tutoring, academic remediation, and anger management.

Grant Budget Breakdown

The grant funds are allocated to the Mayor and LAPD for personnel, contractual services, and travel/training expenditures as follows:

2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program September 30, 2022 – September 30, 2023	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mayor Salaries	\$ 6,649
Related Costs	2,704
LAPD	130,088
Contractual Services	230,659
Travel and Training	1,490
TOTAL:	\$ 371,590

The PSN Grant supports portions of three positions (\$6,649) in the Mayor’s GRYD Office: one Program Director (\$2,440), one Senior Regional Program Coordinator (\$2,449), and one Grants and Training Coordinator (\$1,760). The GRYD staff will manage grant coordination and oversight of this program. Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) 41 rates were used to calculate the fringe benefit costs of \$2,704. The majority of grant funding (\$130,088 + \$230,659 = \$360,747) is allocated for LAPD personnel costs and a contract with Community Partners to implement prevention services in the Foothill GRYD Zone. As the designated prevention service provider for the Foothill GRYD Zone, El Nido Family Center intends to coordinate with the LAPD to offer programs and services designed to prevent, intervene, and suppress gang membership or gang activities. Travel and training costs of \$1,490 are allocated to send an LAPD representative to the national PSN conference.

Reserve Fund Loan Request

The Mayor's GRYD Office requests a Reserve Fund Loan in the amount of \$200,000 to facilitate cash flow and immediate disbursement to service providers for program-related activities associated with the implementation of GRYD prevention services. The DOJ administers the PSN Grant Program on a reimbursement basis only, requiring grant recipients to front-fund expenditures prior to submitting requests for reimbursement. The Reserve Fund monies will be utilized for contractor advances to ensure uninterrupted service delivery. The Mayor's Office may submit requests for reimbursement on a quarterly basis (as allowed by the grantor) to facilitate repayment of the Reserve Fund advance, with the expectation that full repayment will be made by the end of the grant performance period, or shortly thereafter. This Office recommends approval of a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$200,000.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The acceptance and implementation of the 2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant in the amount of \$371,590 and the approval of grant-related actions will result in the provision of essential prevention services to at-risk and gang-affiliated youth and their families within the Foothill GRYD Zone. The proposed Reserve Fund loan of \$200,000 will be used to address a cash flow issue for the service provider and is anticipated to be repaid upon final reimbursement of the PSN grant funds. Although all program costs are fully reimbursable by the grant, any significant delays in the timely submission of reimbursement requests will impact the repayment of the Reserve Fund loan and result in a negative impact to the General Fund. Full repayment will not occur until the following fiscal year at the end of the grant performance period.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The City's Financial Policies require that the City pursue federal, state and private grants but strictly limit financial support of these programs to avoid commitments that continue beyond available funding. The recommendations in this report comply with City Financial Policies in that the proposed funding is balanced against established revenue approved by Council actions and from Federal or State grant receipts. All funding is subject to the availability of grant funds and funding determinations by Mayor and Council.

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Attachment

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THAT:

Deputy Mayor, Mayor’s Office of Public Safety, OR

Grants & Finance Director, Mayor’s Office of Public Safety, OR

GRYD Director, Mayor’s Office of Public Safety, OR

Chief Legislative Analyst, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, or His/Her Designee, OR

City Administrative Officer, Office of the City Administrative Officer, or His/Her Designee,

are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, a public entity as established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant (PSN) Program, as well as prior year PSN grants (FY 2019-2024) provided by the Department of Justice for the Central District of California and sub-granted through the State of California.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Certification

I, Holly L. Wolcott, duly appointed and City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY CLERK

Holly L. Wolcott

Date: _____