

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners Transmittal dated June 17, 2025

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES - DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – 12-MONTH NO-COST EXTENSION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to:
 - a. Accept the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program's approval of a no-cost extension for the 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Grant Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Grant- Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Project (FY 2022 BWC Digital Evidence), extending the award period from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, to October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026;
 - b. Negotiate and execute a new contract or amend existing agreements between the City of Los Angeles and Axon Enterprises, Inc. for centralization and integration of all digital evidence, not to exceed \$250,000 for the performance period of October 2022 to September 30, 2026, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form; and,
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) is seeking approval to accept a 12-month no-cost extension to the total grant award of \$1,000,000 for the FY 2022 BWC Digital Evidence grant award, approved by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The new grant performance period is extended by one year, from September 30, 2025 through September 30, 2026. It should be noted that Recommendation No. 1.b. above, differs from Board

report Recommendation No. 3 by providing the Department the authority to negotiate and execute a new contract or amend the existing contractual agreement, as applicable. The addition of this authorization was requested by the Department subsequent to the release of the Board report.

BACKGROUND

The Department was awarded the FY 2022 BWC Digital Evidence grant to develop an integrated digital evidence system that consolidates body-worn camera (BWC) and digital in-car video (DICV) footage for use by law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. The grant also supports the implementation of operational procedures and tracking mechanisms for the retention and deletion of digital media.

Since adopting BWC and DICV technologies, the Department has collected over six million gigabytes of data and shared 150,000 BWC and DICV videos with local prosecutors. Grant funds are being used to build a comprehensive digital evidence management system capable of handling the substantial volume of BWC and DICV footage, ensuring for efficient access by the Department and its criminal justice partners.

The Department has requested the 12-month, no-cost extension of the grant award period due to a number of barriers that have impacted the Department's ability to complete the system implementation and spend down the grant funds accordingly, prior to the end of the September 30, 2025 grant award period. These barriers included a chronic shortage of sworn staff due to attrition; the Pacific Palisades Wildfire event in January 2025; public protests against Federal government actions; and administrative delays and funding uncertainties associated with the project. Approval of the grant period extension will allow for sufficient time to implement the system and to fully expend the grant award funds.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will have no additional impact to the General Fund and will allow for the continued expenditure of the FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Grant Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies – Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Project grant award totaling \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that, to the extent possible, all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.