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June 17, 2025

BPC #25-136

The Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
City Hall, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles, Room 395  
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: THE 2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM –  
DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATION  
PROJECT, CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 22-1481-S1.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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REBECCA MUNOZ  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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May 28, 2025  
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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** TRANSMITTAL FOR THE NO-COST EXTENSION FOR  
THE 2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION  
PROGRAM – DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (C.F # 22-1481-S1)

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant modification, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8(a)(b), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council consideration.

3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:

AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to ACCEPT the 12-month no-cost extension for the FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program - Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Project, from the United States Department of Justice, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, extending the grant end date from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

**DISCUSSION**

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requested a 12-month no-cost extension for the 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program – Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration (BW- DEM) Project. The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has extended the grant end date from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Since the LAPD’s implementation of body-worn cameras (BWC), it has accumulated six million gigabytes of data, and provided local prosecutorial agencies with 150,000 BWC videos. The LAPD is utilizing the grant funds to develop a comprehensive digital evidence management system that could manage the vast amount of the BWC, as well as digital in-car video footage, to be utilized by LAPD and other law enforcement and criminal justice partners. The LAPD experienced delays in the implementation of the grant program and the 12-month no-cost extension will allow for the grant program personnel to fully implement the grant program.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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If you have any questions, please contact Senior Management Analyst Barbra Montesquieu, Officer in Charge, Grants Section, at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell", with a large circular flourish.

JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police

FOR:

Attachments

**BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
Approved *June 3, 2025*  
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*

## BRIAN JUNG

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**From:** do-not-reply@usdoj.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2025 7:30 AM  
**To:** BRIAN JUNG; Tiffany.Johnston@usdoj.gov; Grants2; BRIAN JUNG  
**Subject:** Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Approved

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The request for a grant award modification, GAM-610530, for award number 15PBJA-22-GG-03295-BWCX under the solicitation *BJA FY 22 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies* is approved.  
Please log into DOJ's JustGrants system at [JustGrants](#).

For more information go to [www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov](http://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov)  
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**Grant Award Modification GAM-610530**

**(15PEJA-22-GG-03295-BWCX)** RESOLVED-COMPLETED

Awarded Entity Legal Name: **(CITY OF LOS ANGELES)** Doing Business As: **( )**

Actions 

Assignments

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Case details

Last updated by  
Devonna Porter (4d ago)  
Created by  
Brian Jung (5d ago)

Participants (0)



No items

- ✓ CREATE
- ✓ INITIAL REVIEW
- ✓ PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW
- ✓ FINANCIAL REVIEW
- ✓ UFMS HANDOFF
- ✓ GAM FULFILLMENT

GAM Information

Funded Award Details

Solicitation Title:	BJA FY 22 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies	Solicitation Category:	Category 3: Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects
Project Title:	LAPD: 2022 Digital Evidence Management and Integration Project	Federal Award Amount:	\$1,000,000.00
Project Period:	10/1/22 - 9/30/25	Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Managing Office:	OJP	Program Office:	BJA
DOJ Grant Manager:	Tiffany Johnston	UEI:	ZRXCMNNSUEJ1
Grant Award Administrator:	Brian Jung	TIN:	****0735
FAW Case ID:	FAW-171727		

Project Period Extension

<b>New Project Period Start Date</b>	10/01/2022	<b>Number of Months to extend Project Period Extension End Date</b>	12
<b>Current Project Period</b>		<b>Requested Project Period</b>	
Current Start Date	10/01/2022	Project Period Start Date	10/01/2022
Current Completion Date	09/30/2025	Project Period End Date	09/30/2026
		<b>Total Period of Performance with Requested Extension</b>	
		Months	48

> Previously Resolved Project Period Extensions

"For guidance, please see the DOJ Financial Guide."

Justification

Request for a Programmatic Grant Modification - No Cost Extension

2022 Body Worn Camera Implementation Program:

Category 3 Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects

Grant # 15PBJA-22-GG-03295-BWCX

Background:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking for a no-cost 12-month grant period extension for Grant # 15PBJA-22-GG-03295-BWCX, 2022 Body Worn Camera Implementation Program Category 3 Digital Evidence Management and Integration Demonstration Projects, from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026. The LAPD is currently utilizing grant funds to achieve a dual goal to (1) Establish a comprehensive digital evidence media system that incorporates both body-worn camera (BWC) and digital in-car video (DICV) footage for use by law enforcement personnel and prosecutorial agencies; and (2) Implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms that address digital evidence media.

This demonstration project is particularly important in light of the growing use of BWC and DICV. The project highlights the national need for a comprehensive digital evidence management (DEM) strategy. With the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the volume of stored data continues to grow and law enforcement agencies nationwide are facing increasing challenges in managing it. As the third largest municipal police forces in the United States, the LAPD often sets the standard for other agencies nationwide. Therefore, the LAPD BWC DEM grant project not only aims to improve the Department's DEM capabilities but also has the potential to serve as a model for best practices that other law enforcement agencies across the country can follow.

The focus of this project is for the LAPD to develop a robust DEM system that incorporates both BWC and DICV footage for use by law enforcement and other criminal justice partners. The Department is on track to implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms for managing digital evidence media effectively.

Budget Status:

As of the financial report ending March 2025, the \$1,000,000 grant award has an outstanding balance of \$836,987.82.

Brief Description of Completed Activities:

The project award is currently active with significant progress made toward achieving its project goals. The LAPD completed the following activities:

- Developed and submitted for approval, the Special Orders and Memoranda for Body Worn Video Categorization, that will govern how LAPD will properly categorize BWC footage,
- Created a Records Disposition Schedule to delete digital data,
- Attended various conferences to learn best practices,
- Ran a pilot auto-tagging program with LAPD officers,
- Met routinely with training technical assistance (TTA) advisors appointed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and
- Developing a digital evidence platform to track compliance and activation of BWC footage

Justification of the No Cost Extension Request:

The LAPD BWC DEM grant project progress has been significantly delayed by three major barriers, making it difficult to complete anticipated milestones by the current deadline of September 30, 2025.

*Barrier 1: Officer Attrition and Emergency Response Demands – Los Angeles Fires & Protests*

The LAPD BWC DEM grant project has been hindered by the combined impact of the Palisades Fire, the protests against mass deportation of immigrants, and ongoing staff shortages within the LAPD.

Since the George Floyd protests in the summer of 2020, the LAPD has experienced a steady loss of officers due to attrition and retirements. In 2020, the Department was staffed with nearly 10,000 officers. However, by January 2025, the Department anticipates a further loss of 150 officers by July 1, 2025, bringing the total number of sworn officers down to approximately 8,620. This would mark the lowest staffing level for the Department since 1995. The reduction in staff has significantly strained the LAPD's ability to manage routine patrol duties and other critical functions, further complicating the execution of the LAPD BWC DEM grant project. Despite efforts to mitigate the impact, such as offering signing bonuses and other incentives to attract new recruits, the number of new hires has consistently fallen short of the officers lost due to attrition and retirement. As a result, staffing shortages continue to limit the Department's ability to maintain regular operations and fully engage with grant-related activities.

In January 2025, the Palisades Fire showed how the Department can become stretched thin during a major emergency disaster. The fires placed significant strain on LAPD, diverting resources and personnel towards emergency response efforts. Officers were tasked with securing evacuation zones, managing road closures, and preventing looting in affected areas, stretching the Department's capacity and thereby resulting in extensive use of overtime hours.

Additionally, in February 2025, the LAPD also responded to protests against mass deportations, requiring additional personnel for crowd control. At the same time, the Department continued managing areas still affected by ongoing fires, coordinating these efforts alongside the responses to the protests. As a result, both regular hours and overtime were redirected to these efforts, reducing the time available for grant-related activities. Combined with the other barriers,

this barrier significantly delayed the project's ability to meet key grant milestones, making a no-cost extension necessary for continued progress and successful implementation.

#### *Barrier 2: Administrative Delays in BWC Video Retention and Deletion Process*

Project progress has been delayed because of unforeseen setbacks in the decision-making process regarding the deletion of BWC videos. These delays primarily stemmed from the need for thorough planning and careful consideration in determining the appropriate retention timeline and specific criteria for deletion. This process involved several months of in-depth discussions and revisions throughout the year 2024, which included updating memos on different formats for deletion and retention. There were several meetings with the DEM team to refine the retention and deletion report, review Axon metadata, discuss new technologies within LAPD, and draft and finalize policies on BWC and D1CV footage, all of which added complexity and time to the process.

In March 2025, the LAPD received approval from the City Attorney to begin deleting BWC and D1CV footage over five years old. In the coming quarter, the DEM team will focus on several key tasks. First, they will delete test video footage, reviewing samples to ensure only test footage is removed. They will also notify detectives about the upcoming deletions, ensuring vital evidence is preserved. This will involve coordination with multiple LAPD units, including the Property Disposition Coordinator, Detective Bureau, and BWC Coordinators. The DEM team will continue the build-out of Power BI to enhance tracking and reporting. Additionally, the DEM team will explore integrating automatic deletion features through Axon and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the process. These efforts require more time and resources than the current deadline allows.

#### *Barrier 3: Government Federal Funding Freeze and Associated Delays*

Another significant barrier to the project's progress has been the uncertainty surrounding federal grants under the new administration. The potential for cuts to federal funding has created considerable concerns in the Department, particularly regarding the sustainability of the BWC DEM project. In response to these

concerns, the Los Angeles Mayor's office requested a detailed one-pager outlining the potential impact of losing the grant. This request required thorough consideration of the potential consequences, such as significant delays in the implementation of the DEM system, challenges in acquiring the necessary BWC, and the inability to finalize and enact important policy changes.

On January 28, 2025, the official suspension of federal funds exacerbated existing concerns, disrupting the DEM team's ability to proceed with planned activities. This funding freeze caused significant delays in key project milestones, triggered a cascade of administrative challenges, and halted scheduled operations and meetings. As a result, the DEM team had to redirect its focus to addressing internal inquiries while also managing the unexpected crises of the Palmsades Fire, which began on January 7, 2025, and the protests against mass deportation.

*Proposed Schedule of Activities during the NCE period:*

*Components that will be completed:*

The results of this project will shed light on the complex nature of building a robust DEM system. The project has the following stated goals:

1. Establish a comprehensive digital evidence media system that incorporates both BWC and DICV footage for use by law enforcement personnel and prosecutorial agencies. (Completed in 2024).
2. Implement operational procedures and tracking mechanisms that address digital evidence media. (Ongoing with completion expected in 2026).

The first goal has been completed as BWCs and DICV footage have been integrated into the DEM system successfully.

The second goal will be completed by September 30, 2026. This project is positioned to produce valuable insights into the implementation and management of a large-scale DEM system. The LAPD's experience is expected to provide practical guidance for agencies nationwide as they address the growing demands of managing BWC and DICV footage. Ongoing collaboration with BJA's TTA coordinator will help sustain project momentum and support successful outcomes. This initiative may also serve as a model for other departments, offering a clear view of the best practices, common challenges, and the staffing and resources required to support a robust DEM system.

Attached are the copy of the justification in Word format and the timeline for your review and reference.

**Attachments**

Name	Category	Created by	Date Added
 Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Approved	Correspondence	Devonna Porter	
 02_LAPD 22BWC3 DEM NCE_Timeline.docx	Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation	Brian Jung	05/14/2025
 01_LAPD 22BWC3 DEM NCE_Full.docx	Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation	Brian Jung	05/14/2025

- > **Grants Management Comments**
- > **Internal Retroactive Approval**

**INTRADPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

May 26, 2025

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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

In my absence, Assistant Chief Daniel Randolph will serve as Acting Chief of Police beginning on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 0001 hours, through Friday, May 30, 2025, 2400 hours.

I will be available for notifications through Assistant Chief Randolph's office.



JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police

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