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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Police Commissioners dated June 3, 2026

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND
BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT – AWARD PERIOD EXTENSION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept a one-year no-cost extension for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), extending the award period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026, to October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027;
 - b. Execute and enter into a grant award agreement for the extended period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to prepare Controller instructions as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The LAPD is seeking a one-year no-cost extension for the FY 2024 DNA CEBR Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Full program operations began significantly later than anticipated in the original performance period because of administrative delays. The extension will allow the LAPD's Forensic Science Division to meet grant deliverables, which include increasing the efficiency and capacity of evidence analysis in the Serology/DNA Unit.

BACKGROUND

The LAPD's Fiscal Year 2024 DNA CEBR grant application, totaling \$1,995,862.00, was approved by the BJA on September 27, 2024. The grant award originally had a two-year performance period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026, and was subsequently extended by the BJA for an additional year, through September 30, 2027.

The FY 2024 DNA CEBR Program provides funding to state and local government units with crime laboratories that conduct forensic DNA analysis supporting the processing, recording, screening, and examination of forensic and database samples. Grant funds will enhance the efficiency and capacity of evidence analysis within the LAPD's Forensic Science Division, Serology/DNA Unit (SDU). Eligible costs include personnel overtime for civilian Criminalists, Photographers, and Laboratory Technicians, associated fringe benefits, travel for training and continuing education, equipment purchases, DNA reagent supplies, and other necessary expenses that strengthen the LAPD's ability to meet current and future demands for DNA screening and testing.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to extend and modify the Fiscal Year 2024 DNA CEBR Program grant from a two-year term that began on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026, to a three-year term from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time grant program expenditures.

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