

REPORT FROM

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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 August 12, 2025

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM – LAW ENFORCEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to:

- a. Retroactively apply for, negotiate and accept the grant award of \$960,276 relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) – Law Enforcement from the State of California, California Highway Patrol (CHP), for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant funds, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form;
- b. Negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with one selected vendor for a term of one year within the applicable grant performance period, for a sum not to exceed \$30,000, for the provision of phlebotomist services as it relates to the grant program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:

- a. Spend up to \$960,276 in funding in accordance with the grant award agreement;
- b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit the FY 2025-26 CTFGP – Law Enforcement grant receipts into the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined; and,

- c. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions;

3. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$960,276 within the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, for disbursement of the FY 2025-26 CTFGP – Law Enforcement grant funds; and,
- b. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, account number to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department No. 70, account numbers and amounts, as follows:

Account No. 001090	Overtime General	\$ 24,000.00
Account No. 001092	Overtime Sworn	\$ 806,765.76
Account No. To Be Determined	Related Costs	\$ 73,764.24

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$960,276.00 grant award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) – Law Enforcement, from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The grant covers the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The CHP's CTFGP – Law Enforcement, administered by the CHP, supports education, prevention, and enforcement initiatives related to impaired driving involving alcohol, cannabis, and other substances. For FY 2025-26, this funding opportunity is extended to law enforcement agencies to enhance public education on impaired driving, enforce related laws, provide officer training, and develop new strategies to combat impaired driving. The grant opportunity focuses on public education and outreach, targeted enforcement of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID), and specialized officer training designed to identify and remove impaired drivers from the roadway.

The LAPD Traffic Group has been awarded \$960,276 to implement the DUI Apprehension Program. The proposed program aims to enhance the quality of DUI and DUID investigations and enforcement efforts and enforcement through specialized training for LAPD personnel. The objectives of the grant will be achieved by (1) Expanding officer training; (2) Updating equipment; (3) Increasing enforcement operations on dates and in areas impaired driving is expected to be more prevalent; and (4) Conducting outreach within the business community.

Grant funds will be allocated to provide officers with training and certifications in various courses focused on the detection, deterrence, and arrest of DUI and DUID offenders. These courses will emphasize preventative strategies such as routine patrols, sobriety checkpoints, raising public awareness, and promoting compliance with DUI and DUID laws. The grant program will support enforcement efforts during specific high-risk dates—such as April 20th (4/20)—and events commonly associated with increased impaired driving activity. The grant will also provide for community and business outreach, with a particular focus on educating marijuana dispensary owners. In addition, the grant will support staff attendance at the 2025 International Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving held in Denver, Colorado and the 2025 California Narcotics Officers' Association Annual Training Institute held in San Diego.

Under the terms of the grant agreement, the State will reimburse the City for eligible program expenses as provided in the table below.

Expense Category	Amount
Sworn Overtime	\$ 806,765.76
Civilian Overtime	24,000.00
Related Costs	73,764.24
Conference Travel	12,150.00
Consultants/Contracts	30,000.00
Other Direct Costs (Conference registrations - \$3,180; and ToxOptix X3® Pen Lights - \$10,416)	13,596.00
Total	\$ 960,276.00

A Professional Services Agreement will be executed with a phlebotomy service provider to perform blood withdrawals from individuals arrested during Drug Recognition Expert Certification Task Force operations conducted throughout the grant performance period. The contract amount will not exceed \$30,000 and the Department will select the vendor through a competitive bid process. Grant funds for FY 2025-26 CTFGP – Law Enforcement will also reimburse related costs for eligible sworn and civilian overtime, calculated in accordance with Cost Allocation Plan 42 rates.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 - Approval of Grant Applications, Mayor and Council approval is required before accepting and receiving the grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations stated in this report will authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to retroactively accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Cannabis Tax Fund Grant

Program – Law Enforcement grant award of \$960,276 from the State of California, California Highway Patrol, for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. No matching funds are required for this grant. Cost Allocation Plan 42 indirect cost rates for grant-eligible overtime and related costs (\$73,764.24) in support of this program will also be reimbursed with the grant funds for FY 2025-26.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant-eligible costs are fully funded by the grant program award.

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