REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Board of Police Commissioners transmittal dated June 3, 2026

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2025 DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM – GRANT AWARD APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

    a. Retroactively apply for and subsequently accept the grant award for the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Grant Program in the amount of $1,619,184 and with a performance period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance;

    b. Negotiate and execute the grant award agreement, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;

2. Authorize the Los Angeles Police Department to:

    a. Spend up to the total grant amount of $1,619,184 in accordance with the grant award agreement;

    b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Fund No. 339, Department No. 70;

    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; and,

3. Authorize the Controller to:

   a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate $1,619,184 to an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339, Department No. 70, for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 2025 DNA CEBR Program grant;

   b. Increase appropriations and transfer funds, as needed, within the FY 2025 DNA CEBR Program grant funds from 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	$ 464,000
Account No. To Be Determined	Related Costs	$ 23,897

4. Authorize the City Clerk to place the following action relative to the FY 2025 DNA CEBR Program grant on the City Council agenda on July 1, 2027, or on the first meeting day thereafter:

   Authorize the Controller to increase appropriations and transfer funds, as necessary, within FY2025 DNA CEBR grant funds from 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	$ 124,491
Account No. To Be Determined	Related Costs	$ 6,411

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests retroactive approval to apply for and accept a $1,619,184 grant award for the FY 2025 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant award has a performance period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. No matching funds are required.

BACKGROUND

The DNA CEBR Program provides funding to state and local units of government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis, supporting the processing, recording, screening, and examination of forensic and database samples. Funding will strengthen the efficiency and capacity of evidence analysis within the LAPD's Forensic Science Division, Serology/DNA Unit (SDU).

The FY 2025 DNA CEBR grant budget provides funding for civilian Criminalists, Photographers, and Laboratory Technicians to process DNA cases on an overtime basis; associated fringe benefits; travel expenses for training and continuing education of DNA analysts; acquisition of liquid-handling instruments; procurement of DNA reagent supplies; and other expenses that enhance the LAPD’s ability to meet current and future demands for DNA screening and testing.

A detailed allocation of the $1,619,184 FY 2025 DNA CEBR Program grant funding by expense category is shown below:

Expense Category	Amount
Personnel (Staff Overtime)	$ 588,491
Fringe Benefits	30,308
Travel	88,107
Equipment (Lab Instruments)	359,110
Supplies (Various Lab Kits)	323,064
Other Costs*	230,104
*Includes the purchase of software licenses, lab instrument maintenance services, and registration fees for trainings, symposiums and conferences. **Total**	**$ 1,619,184**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will authorize the LAPD to accept the FY 2025 DNA CEBR Program grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and spend up to $1,619,184 for the period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. No matching funds are required for this grant. There is no impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies, as one-time grant funding will be used for one-time program expenditures.

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