

August 1, 2023

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the County of Los Angeles (County), to receive and expend grant funding up to \$27,000 from the County Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program, for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$27,000, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

On June 15, 2023, the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) was awarded grant funding for the fifteenth consecutive year from the County through the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program (Real Estate 23) grant in the amount of \$27,000. The grant provides funding for detective overtime hours assigned to real estate fraud investigation/prosecution, supplies and training. The grant term is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Real estate fraud can cause severe trauma to victims in the community. This grant will provide funding for the Financial Crime Unit, that investigates and files cases with the District Attorney to prosecute suspects who target victims through fraudulent loans or ownership documents. In 2022, the unit initiated four real estate fraud reports. Through June 2023, there are 12 open real estate fraud cases. The Real Estate 23 grant will provide resources to further assist and protect members of the community.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Arturo D. Sanchez on June 30, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouh on July 3, 2023.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on August 1, 2023, to expedite use of grant funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City will receive grant funding up to \$27,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for detective overtime hours assigned to real estate fraud investigation/prosecution, supplies, and training. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$27,000 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. There

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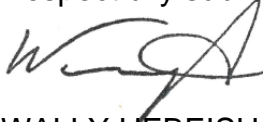
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is no match or in-kind service mandate. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



WALLY HEBEISH  
CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER