



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution accepting funding from the California Department of Justice Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program (SAPP)

### DISCUSSION

The Domestic Violence Unit of the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office is a specialized unit that prosecutes all misdemeanor crimes between intimates, i.e., spousal abuse, child abuse, and elder abuse. The City Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Unit is committed to the aggressive prosecution of domestic violence crimes to hold abusers accountable for their crimes, protect the victims and thereby improve the quality of life for Long Beach residents.

To continue to meet the challenge of prosecuting these highly complex cases, this City Prosecutor's Office seeks to avail itself of certain grant funds through the California Department of Justice Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program (SAPP). To obtain these grant funds, the City Prosecutor will provide from the present Department budget either an in kind match or actual cash funds equal to 20% of the grant funds received. When in place, the grant and matching funds will allow the City Prosecutor's Office to continue funding the position of Domestic Violence Investigator for the 2007-2008 grant period.

Under a SAPP grant, the City Prosecutor's Office has funded a Domestic Violence Investigator since January 1997. Successful prosecution of domestic violence cases is highly dependent on thorough investigation. Often, victims and or witnesses, who may be emotionally or economically dependent on the abuser, are reluctant participants in the prosecution. Overcoming the difficulties presented by these cases is highly dependent on continuing investigative efforts. The Domestic Violence Investigator obtains victim and witness statements, takes photographs, serves trial subpoenas and sometimes provides transportation for victims or witnesses. These efforts result in more convictions and less abuse for our residents.

The attached Resolution authorizes the City Manager to complete a SAPP grant application and all paperwork and assurances required by the State of California. It also authorizes the amendment of the

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City Prosecutor's budget to reflect the receipt and expenditure of these grant funds. The State of California has allocated in its budget the sum of Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$46,787.00) as the SAPP grant amount for the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office.

Pending successful completion of paperwork and assurances, the California Department of Justice will award the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office these grant funds provided the City Prosecutor commits to expend matching funds or an "in kind" contribution equal to at least 20 % of the grant funds amount or the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$9,357.00). The combined state and city funding will provide the salary for one Domestic Violence Investigator together with a vehicle, equipment, office space, and miscellaneous expenses for the duration of the grant period.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The funding cycle for this grant requires City Council approval before June 29, 2007.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The grant funds are compensation for an investigator position. This position would have to be fully funded by General Funds without receipt of these grants funds. The City will receive a net \$37,430.00 in grant funds over the \$9,357.00 in matching City funds.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
THOMAS M. REEVES  
CITY PROSECUTOR

1 RESOLUTION NO. C-

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
5 MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE  
6 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SPOUSAL  
7 ABUSER PROSECUTION PROGRAM (SAPP) AND  
8 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL  
9 NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS ON  
10 BEHALF OF THE CITY.  
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12 WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Prosecutor has implemented a specialized unit  
13 for the prosecution of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes, and;

14 WHEREAS, the California Department of Justice offers grants of State  
15 supplemental funds in the sum of Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-  
16 Seven Dollars (\$46,787) for such specialized prosecution programs through the  
17 Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program known as the "SAP" Program, and;

18 WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Prosecutor desires such grant funds in order to  
19 enhance the successful prosecution of misdemeanor spouse abuse, elder abuse and  
20 child abuse crimes in the City of Long Beach, and;

21 WHEREAS, the State grant for SAPP funds requires the City of Long Beach to  
22 commit city matching funds in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Three Hundred  
23 and Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$9,357.00);

24 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
25 follows:

26 Section 1. The City's participation in the SAPP Program is hereby approved.  
27 The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to  
28 submit a SAP Program grant application to the California Department of Justice, to

1 City of Long Beach a SAPP grant in the approximate amount of Forty Six Thousand  
2 Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$46,787), and make an expenditure of City  
3 funds in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven  
4 Dollars (\$9,357.00) to match the SAPP grant funds received. No portion of the SAPP  
5 grant funds shall be used to supplant local expenditures.

6 Section 2. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of the  
7 above-mentioned grant award agreement, including civil court actions for damages,  
8 shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State  
9 of California and the Department of Justice disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

10 Section 3. The Long Beach City Prosecutor Department's budget shall be  
11 amended to reflect the receipt and expenditure of the SAP Program grant funds.

12 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by  
13 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of  
15 the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 5, 2007, by the following vote:

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17 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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25 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY CLERK