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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Prosecutor to execute all documents necessary, including any amendments, to receive and expend grant funding awarded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Innovative Prosecution Solutions in the amount up to \$360,000 for Combatting Violent Crime, for the period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021, and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor Department by \$360,000, offset by grant revenue.

DISCUSSION

The Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime Grant Program is a federal grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to local prosecuting agencies. This grant was created to support innovative efforts by prosecuting agencies to make communities safer through the development and implementation of innovative and promising solutions.

In September 2019, the City Prosecutor's Office was notified that it was selected to receive an award through the Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime in the amount of \$360,000. The grant is a two-year grant beginning October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021.

The goals of this grant include supporting and expanding innovative and evidence-based information sharing between prosecutors and law enforcement to reduce recidivism. Portions of the grant will be directed to the City's Police Department and Technology and Innovation Department, as well as fund a research partner to evaluate the program as it develops. This grant will cover 100 percent of the costs of the program.

This is the second major grant awarded to the City Prosecutor's Office. In 2014-2016, the City Prosecutor's Office was selected to receive a grant of \$203,478 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention to

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support community partnerships to reduce gang crime as part of the City Prosecutor's Gang Prevention Strategy.

During the past several years, the City Prosecutor's Office has been recognized for its leadership in multiple areas, including information-sharing, gang prevention, truancy reduction, and innovative court diversion and alternative sentencing programs. The grant award for Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime is a reflection of Long Beach's growing reputation as leader in criminal justice innovation. It is the largest grant award ever secured by the Office of the City Prosecutor.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Sarah Green on October 2, 2019, and Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on October 7, 2019.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 15, 2019, so that the City Prosecutor's Office can begin development and implementation of the program under the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding up to \$360,000 for the period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021 for Combatting Violent Crime. An appropriation increase of \$360,000, offset by grant revenues, is requested in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor's Office. No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

APPROVED:



TOM MODICA
ACTING CITY MANAGER

Attachments: Exhibit A - Grant Notification



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 9, 2019

Mr. Patrick West
City of Long Beach
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Dear Mr. West:

On behalf of Attorney General William P. Barr, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs has approved your application for funding under the FY 19 Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime in the amount of \$360,000 for City of Long Beach.

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Linda Hill-Franklin, Program Manager at (202) 514-0712; and
- Financial Questions, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or you may contact the CSC at ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katharine T. Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Katharine T. Sullivan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

EXHIBIT A