

August 8, 2023

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 amendments, with the California Office of Emergency Services under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program, to accept and expend grant funding up to \$56,361, for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training, for the period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$56,361, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department was recently awarded the Fiscal Year 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell 23) in the amount of \$56,361 from the California Office of Emergency Services by way of the Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (FSIA) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This subaward will be used to provide training to improve the skill level and efficiency of Forensic Science Services Division (FSSD) staff who analyze crime scenes and evidence in support of investigations. The grant term is from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

The goal of Coverdell 23 is to improve the quality, timelines, and credibility of forensic science services. The program permits funding for crime laboratories for ongoing educational and/or training developmental needs of qualified staff and other resources to help increase the efficacy of the laboratory.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Arturo D. Sanchez on July 17, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on July 21, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 8, 2023, to expedite use of grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding up to \$56,361 for the period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$56,361 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. There is no match or in-kind service mandate.

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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,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER