

January 21, 2020

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents with California State University, Long Beach, to receive and expend grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime Fiscal Year 2019 Grant, in the amount of \$455,661, for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$455,661, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On September 13, 2019, the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD), as a subrecipient to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), was awarded grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The NIJ is the research, development and evaluation agency for the Department of Justice. The NIJ awards grants that further research, strategic planning and innovation in the field of criminal justice. LBPD and CSULB have been awarded funding from the NIJ's Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime Fiscal Year 2019 Grant.

City Council approval is requested for LBPD to receive and expend the grant funding. The NIJ grant will fund a partnership between CSULB and LBPD to collaboratively research drug fentanyl distribution based on network and spatial analysis. The research findings will be used to address fentanyl distribution through enforcement action and/or diversion programs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Sarah E. Green on December 23, 2019, and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on December 23, 2019.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 21, 2020, to expedite use of the grant funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This grant is currently unbudgeted. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$455,661 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. The grant does not require any matching funds. This recommendation will fund one unclassified research analyst position or a similar classification in the Police Department during the three-year term of the grant period. 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,



ROBERT G. LUNA
CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:


THOMAS B. MODICA
ACTING CITY MANAGER