



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to enter into a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Reimbursement Program Cooperative Agreement and any related documents with the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide qualified law enforcement services on-site at the Long Beach Airport passenger screening checkpoint; and to accept the anticipated award, in the estimated amount of \$325,000 for a period of one year, extend the term for up to two additional one-year terms, amend award documents and increase the amount subject to award modifications from the TSA. (District 5)

Since November 19, 2001, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has the authority to carry out Chapter 449 of Title 49 United States Code relating to civil aviation security, including responsibility for screening passengers and property at airports, and for mandating the deployment of law enforcement officer (LEO) personnel at each airport security passenger-screening location to ensure passenger safety and counter risks to transportation security.

On August 21, 2007, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the TSA for a period of one-year with four additional one-year extensions to receive partial reimbursement for the two LEO personnel provided by Long Beach Airport (Airport) for the security passenger-screening checkpoints. The two checkpoints were staffed for 16.5 hours per day, from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Over the five-year agreement, the program reimbursed the Airport for the fully-burdened rates of LEOs within a fixed ceiling by airport category, totaling \$1,561,166. The performance period of the agreement began October 1, 2007, and expired September 30, 2012.

On June 19, 2012, the Airport submitted an application to continue in the LEO Reimbursement Program. The application requested a lower amount than the previous one because only one LEO position is required for the new consolidated TSA screening and checkpoint facility. City Council approval is requested in advance of the award to facilitate the TSA timeline for execution of the agreement. An award is anticipated by the time this letter is before the City Council.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on December 26, 2012, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 4, 2013.

City Council action on this item is requested on January 22, 2013, in advance of the award, to ensure that the agreement is filed and processed within the time period required by the TSA. Failure to meet this deadline may result in loss of funding.

The implementation of the LEO Reimbursement Program Cooperative Agreement will provide reimbursement of LEO costs for an estimated funding of \$325,000 for the first year to the Airport Enterprise Fund (EF 320) in the Airport Department (AP). No match is required to participate in the program. Since the award amount is unknown at the time of writing, any appropriation increase will be included in a subsequent quarterly budget adjustment.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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