

## **C-12**

September 15, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including any amendments, with the California Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, to receive and expend funding for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training, in the amount of \$56,980, for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$56,980, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) was recently awarded the Fiscal Year 2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell 19) in the amount of \$56,980. The grant monies will be used to provide training to improve the skill level and efficiency of Forensic Science Services Division staff who analyze crime scenes and evidence in support of investigations. The grant term is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The goal of the Coverdell 19 grant is to improve the quality, timelines, and credibility of forensic science services. The grant 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 Sarah E. Green on August 21, 2020 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 19, 2020.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 15, 2020, to expedite use of the grant funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This grant is currently unbudgeted; therefore, an appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$56,980 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. If the full grant appropriation cannot be spent, the remaining funds will be returned to the California Office of Emergency Services. The grant does not require any matching funds. 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

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APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER