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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 13, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funding for Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Purposes (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach is eligible to receive additional funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) program. LLEBG funds are directed at local efforts to reduce crime and improve public safety. The City has received a total of \$9,490,962 in federal support from eight previous awards through the LLEBG program. For each award, the City is required to provide a cash match equal to 10 percent of total program costs.

The ninth round of grant funding (LLEBG 2004) has been allocated to the City of Long Beach in the amount of \$257,534, and requires a City match of \$28,615 for a total program budget of \$286,149. The funding is authorized for a two-year period commencing from the date funds are requested from BJA and ending 24 months later. The Police Department proposes to expend the grant award for overtime costs, the purchase of law enforcement equipment and probation services for the gang crime suppression program.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin July 6, 2004 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 2, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 13, 2004 to meet the July 23, 2004 application deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

Receipt of the full grant award will be advanced to the City and be deposited in the General Grants Fund. The grant will be expended over the next two fiscal years (FY 05 and FY 06). The City match will be absorbed within the Police Department's General Fund operating budget. There will be no net impact to the General Fund. A budget appropriation increase will be requested after receipt of the grant funds.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute documents necessary to apply for, accept, and expend all Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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