

## **C-13**

June 15, 2021

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 \$55,046, for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training, for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$55,046, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department was recently awarded the Fiscal Year 2020 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (Coverdell 20) in the amount of \$55,046 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 January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The goal of Coverdell 20 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 Sarah E. Green on May 18, 2021 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on May 24, 2021.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 15, 2021, to expedite use of the grant funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive funding up to \$55,046 for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$55,046 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. There is no match or in-kind service mandate. 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  
CITY MANAGER