

March 21, 2023

**C-25** 

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including any subsequent amendments, with the California Board of State and Community Corrections, to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$520,243 from the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program to improve officer wellness and expanding mental health resources, for the period of July 1, 2022 to December 1, 2025; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$520,243, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

# DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) was awarded the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program from the California Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC), in the amount of \$520,243. The grant term is July 1, 2022 to December 1, 2025.

The Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program was established in the 2022 Budget Act and provides \$50 million for city and county law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources. The funding may be used to establish or expand officer wellness and peer support units, provide services by a licensed mental health professional, counselor, or other professional that works with law enforcement, and expand multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health. The funds may also be used to support other programs and services that are evidence-based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Arturo D. Sanchez and Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on February 27, 2023.

# TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 21, 2023, to expedite use of grant funds.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding in the amount of \$520,243 for the period of July 1, 2022 to December 1, 2025 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections. An

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appropriations increase is requested in the amount of \$520,243 in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department, offset by grant revenue. This grant does not require any matching funds or in-kind services. 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,

WALLY HEBEISH CHIEF OF POLICE APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA CITY MANAGER