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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Prosecutor to execute all documents necessary, including any amendments, to receive and expend grant funding awarded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Innovative Prosecution Solutions in the amount up to \$350,000 for Combatting Violent Crime, for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor Department by \$350,000, offset by grant revenue from the Department of Justice. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime Grant Program (IPS Grant) is a competitive federal grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to prosecuting agencies. The IPS Grant supports innovative efforts and promising programs led by prosecutors to combat crime in their jurisdictions.

In September 2024, the City Prosecutor's Office was notified it was selected to receive an IPS Grant in the amount of \$350,000. The grant is a two-year grant beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026.

This is the second time the Long Beach City Prosecutor has won the highly competitive IPS grant. The first IPS grant was awarded in 2019 for \$360,000. It was used to create the nation's first Police-Prosecutor Data Sharing Smart Phone Application, which was named GUIDES. The GUIDES app, developed by software company Laserfiche, was recently recognized with a 2023 *American City and County Crown Communities Award*.

Currently, the GUIDES app is used by police officers in the field to assist persons with substance abuse, mental illness, and shelter housing needs. The GUIDES app can also reconnect people to services if they have previously been connected through one of the City Prosecutor's diversion programs, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program.

The new IPS Grant will cover all expenses to expand the use of GUIDES and make it available to other police and prosecuting agencies in Los Angeles County. Stakeholder meetings to be held over the next 90 days will determine potential improvements to the GUIDES app as well as which local agencies will participate in the expansion.

During the past several years, the City Prosecutor's Office has been recognized as a national leader in several areas, including innovative court diversion and alternative sentencing programs, gang prevention, combatting human trafficking, and use of technology. This is the fourth major grant secured by the City Prosecutor's Office in recent years. Winning for the second time, the U.S. Department of Justice's Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant further solidifies the City of Long Beach as an innovator and leader in the field of municipal prosecution.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Atoy H. Wilson on October 15, 2024 and by Budget Development Officer Jennifer Rodriguez on October 18, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 12, 2024, so that the City Prosecutor's Office can begin development and implementation of the program under the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant funding up to \$350,000 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026 for Combatting Violent Crime. An appropriation increase of \$350,000, offset by grant revenues, is requested in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Prosecutor's Department. No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Haubert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Douglas P. Haubert
City Prosecutor

Attachments: Grant Award Letter