

5. 24-51808 Recommendation to use City Prosecutor budget savings from FY 23, increase appropriations in the General Fund Group by \$42,000 in the City Prosecutor Department.

Office or Department:

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.



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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to use City Prosecutor budget savings from FY 23, increase appropriations in the General Fund Group by \$42,000 in the City Prosecutor Department.

DISCUSSION

At the end of FY 23, the City Prosecutor Department's General Fund budget had savings of at least \$42,000. The FY 23 savings have been reserved for use by the City Prosecutor Department, and it is now requested that the sum of \$42,000 be re-appropriated in FY 24 to support two community-based programs in the City Prosecutor's Office, specifically, the 3P Neighborhood Program and the Restorative Justice Diversion Pilot Program.

Setting aside funding for the 3P Neighborhood Program is critical to continue the City Prosecutor's directed effort to combat local crime. Previously, the City Council provided initial one-time funding in the amount of \$100,000 to start the 3P Neighborhood Program in FY 23, which allowed the City Prosecutor's Office to dedicate resources to specially handle neighborhood priorities in all four police patrol divisions. The funding approved by the action requested tonight will allow this work to continue during FY 24.

Additionally, allowing surplus funding to be used to initiate a Restorative Justice Diversion Pilot Program will allow the City Prosecutor's office launch and measure the results of a unique pilot program benefiting the Long Beach community. Restorative Justice Diversion Programs have been started in other communities, but results are often not measured. Moreover, such programs are typically used exclusively for juvenile cases. The program envisioned by the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office is based on input from the City Prosecutor's Multi-Cultural Advisory Commission (MCAC) and will include adults who commit minor, non-violent offenses. The Office of the City Prosecutor is ready to commence its program as soon as funding is secured.

This matter was reviewed and approved by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on January 10, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 23, 2024, to guarantee availability of funds to spend on the indicated purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

An appropriation to increase in the amount of \$42,000 is requested in the General Fund Group in the City Prosecutor Department. This will be offset by a portion of the savings created by the City Prosecutor Department in FY 23.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Haubert".

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