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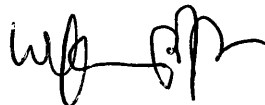
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Council District:

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: William T Fujioka, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated August 15, 2006

Subject: **TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES FOR COPS GRANTS**

SUMMARY

The Mayor has requested to transfer all grant management duties for each of the seven U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Grants from the Mayor's Office to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The COPS Program, which was originally authorized in 1994, provides grants, training and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies. The current COPS grants are anticipated to provide the City approximately \$60 million in public safety funding. Any future grants from the COPS Program will be administered by the Police Department.

Currently, the Police Department forwards purchasing and billing requests to the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety. The Mayor's Office then processes the requests, submits the claims to DOJ for reimbursement and accounts for the funds when they are received. Transferring the grant management duties to the Police Department will eliminate administrative duplication and increase the efficiency of the grant administration process, expediting purchase requests, payments to vendors and receipt of reimbursement funds. The transfer will also allow the Mayor's Office to focus on overall programmatic issues instead of accounting duties which can be completed by the Police Department's Grant Administration Section.

The seven grants to be transferred are:

	<u>Total</u>
• COPS Universal Hiring Program 2003	\$20,850,000
• COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) II 1996	25,563,210
• COPS MORE III 1998	6,781,599
• COPS MORE 2002	749,624
• COPS National Executive Session on Gangs	250,000
• COPS Internal Affairs Networks	414,000
• COPS Interoperable Communications	<u>6,000,000</u>
Total	\$60,608,433

In order to completely transfer administration of the grants, contracting authority must also be transferred from the Mayor to the Police Department for both of the following subcontractors working with the City on these grants:

- C-107074 Hanover Justice Group (COPS National Executive Session on Gangs)
- C-109783 Police Assessment Resource Center (COPS Internal Affairs Networks)

Under the current arrangement, the Mayor's Office employs one full-time position tasked with administering these grants. This position will be reassigned within the Mayor's Office to administration of other public safety grants. In order to take on the additional workload, the Police Department will need to reassign existing staff for administration of the COPS grants. This Office will monitor this situation and report back to the Council on any additional resources requested by the Police Department.

Additionally, Council approval is requested to authorize time extensions for six of the seven COPS grants. With one exception, these extensions have all been pre-authorized by the DOJ.

Grant Name	Original Date	Extension Date
COPS Universal Hiring Program 2003	August 31, 2006	February 29, 2008
COPS MORE II 1996	December 31, 1997	December 31, 2006
COPS MORE III 1998	August 31, 1999	July 31, 2007
COPS MORE 2002	July 31, 2003	December 31, 2006
COPS National Executive Session on Gangs	August 30, 2005	August 30, 2007 (pending)
COPS Interoperable Communications	August 31, 2004	February 28, 2007

Extending these grants will ensure that the City is able to fully utilize the federal grant funds which have been awarded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Controller to transfer the administration of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Grant Fund 650, 653, and 47J, including all assets and liabilities, as of November 1, 2006 from the Mayor's Office to the Los Angeles Police Department;
2. Transfer contracting authorities for Contract C-107074 with Hanover Justice Group, LLC and Contract C-109783 with Police Assessment Resource Center from the Mayor's Office to the Los Angeles Police Department;

3. Authorize the time extensions of grant agreements for COPS Universal Hiring 2003, COPS MORE II 1996, COPS MORE III 1998, COPS MORE 2002, COPS National Executive Session on Gangs, and COPS Interoperable Communications as authorized by the DOJ and listed in this report;
4. Authorize the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety to inform the DOJ COPS Office that, effective November 1, 2006, the Los Angeles Police Department shall be the City's authorized representative; and
5. Authorize the Chief of Police to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Transfer of these grant management duties will have no impact on the General Fund.

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