

# Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council June 7, 2004

**FROM:** City Manager

**RE:** Release of Funds from the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), formerly known as the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) Program, to the County of Los Angeles.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to transfer grant entitlements totaling \$30,847 available to the Pasadena Police Department, to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The money will be used in conjunction with similar grant fund money from the City of Glendale and the City of Burbank to retain a deputy district attorney for vertical prosecution of juvenile offenders in the Pasadena Superior Court.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), formerly known as the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), administered by the State Board of Corrections (BOC), has again made funds available to cities in the State of California. The City of Pasadena's grant entitlement is \$30,847 and requires a 10% matching contribution. The funds are to be spent toward juvenile accountability within the juvenile justice system. Some specific purpose areas include: hiring additional judges, probation officers, court-appointed defense attorneys, deputy district attorneys, establishing drug courts and drug testing programs, establishing information sharing programs, etc. Hiring additional police officers or using funds to supplement existing programs is not permitted under this grant.

The amount of money available to the vast majority of individual cities, Pasadena included, is insufficient to adequately fund approved purpose areas such as contracting for the services of a full-time deputy district attorney. As a result, there has been very

little a single city can accomplish with the allocation. Therefore, virtually every city within Los Angeles County elected not to individually apply. In cases where no grant application is made, the money reverts back to the State.

However, a provision of the grant offering allows cities, by way of “waiver,” to authorize the affiliated county to apply for their share of the grant funds should the city not elect to pursue the grant individually.

This is the sixth year of such a grant offering. During the last funding cycle of this grant, the City of Pasadena, with the City of Glendale and the City of Burbank, authorized the County of Los Angeles to apply for their available grant money. With these funds, one Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney position was allocated for the primary purpose of vertical prosecution of juvenile offenders within the “tri-city” area. During the year, this prosecutor was utilized numerous times for case filings, expert criminal opinions, and gang related criminal investigative prosecutions by the Pasadena Police Departments’ Youth and Family Service Unit.

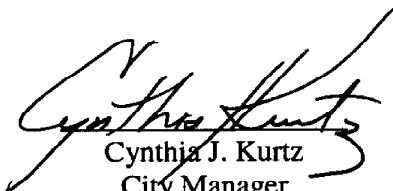
For the current grant entitlements, the Police Departments of Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank are seeking to transfer their grant allocations to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office. In return, the District Attorney’s Office will assign one deputy district attorney to exclusively serve these communities in focusing prosecution efforts on the types of criminal activity that warrant special attention in each jurisdiction. This collaborative program offers increased flexibility in addressing the specific juvenile justice needs of each community.

If the City Council approves the execution of the prescribed waiver form, the City of Pasadena will waive its right to receive the grant entitlement directly. The funds will be authorized to, and expended by, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for the mutual benefit of both the City of Pasadena and County of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office will assume responsibility for the administration of the program and will meet the 10% matching contribution required by the terms of the grant.

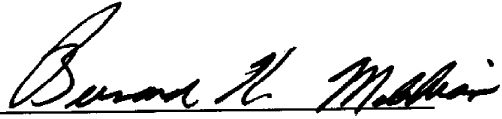
### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action will preclude the City from obtaining \$30,847 in funding from the State Board of Corrections.

Respectfully Submitted,

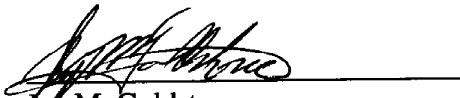
  
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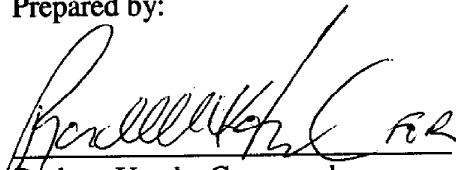
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