

No-Cost Extension for Smart Policing

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The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) requests a four-month no-cost extension for the BJA grant, Smart Policing in the Los Angeles Police Department

Amount of additional time needed: 4 months. The current end date for the project is February 28, 2013 and we request an extension until June 30, 2013.

Why the extension is necessary: The focus of this grant has been to reduce gun violence in Newton Division and to support the use of predictive analytics and other technology that would assist officers in targeting chronic locations and chronic offenders. Newton Division has been successful in reducing violent crime (homicides, robberies, and gun-related crime) through Operation LASER (Los Angeles' Strategic Extraction and Restoration program). A BJA Spotlight was published and is currently on the Smart Policing website. Newton Division continues to implement LASER and Dr. Uchida (Justice & Security Strategies, Inc.) continues to evaluate its effects. An extension would allow Dr. Uchida to analyze data through the first quarter of 2013. This would mean a 20-month period to measure the intervention and perhaps show the sustainability of LASER in one division.

In addition, the extension will allow crime analysts, officers, and detectives to be trained on Palantir, a platform that allows for the use of multiple databases in one place. Recently, we received preliminary approval, pending a GAN submission, for the expansion of a training room at RACR Division for the purpose of increasing the number of students who could be trained on the technology. Palantir has been used by Newton Division's Crime Intelligence Detail (CID) to create Chronic Offender Bulletins, to track vehicles using data from the Automated License Plate Reader, to examine social networks, and for other investigative purposes. The expansion of the training room is not yet completed and we require extra time for the new workstations to be wired and finished.

Why project activities were not completed within the original time period: The various reviews and approvals required within the City process of grant acceptance, contract execution and grant and contract amendments, delayed the contract with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc.

What you intend to do in the extended time: An extension will allow us to continue the use of the remaining funds to support our research partner to continue to evaluate the project and for crime analysts, officers, and detectives to be trained on Palantir and other software packages.

Most recent unobligated balance: \$102,368.55