

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

December 29, 2025  
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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** 2021 CONNECT AND PROTECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM – EXTENSION (CF #22-0282)

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

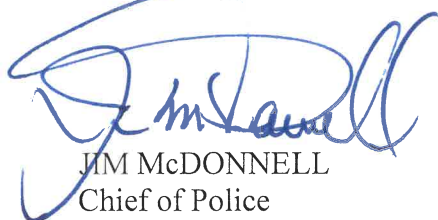
1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached grant modification, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8(a)(b), to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council consideration.
3. That the Board REQUEST the Mayor and City Council to:
  - A. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police or his designee to ACCEPT the one-year no-cost extension for the 2021 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program (Connect and Protect) grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) extending the award period from October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025, to October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2026;
  - B. AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police, or his designee, to extend Contract # 141546 with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
  - C. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the CAO, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

**DISCUSSION**

The LAPD was awarded the 2021 Connect and Protect grant to support law enforcement-behavioral health cross-system collaboration and to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) has encountered several challenges while implementing the grant program including engaging high-risk individuals, officer attrition, and personnel transition and integration. The BJA has approved the one-year no-cost extension to enable the MEU to continue to collect data, implement collaborative treatment programs, and evaluate the effectiveness of the program

For any questions, please contact Senior Management Analyst II Barbra Montesquieu, Strategic Policing and Policies Division, Grants Section at (213) 486-0380.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police

Attachments

**BARBRA ANN MONTESQUIEU**

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**From:** do-not-reply@usdoj.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025 1:36 PM  
**To:** n5362@lapd.online; Farhiya.Hirsi@usdoj.gov; Grants2; n5362@lapd.online  
**Subject:** Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Approved

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The request for a grant award modification, GAM-607427, for award number 15PBJA-21-GG-04317-MENT under the solicitation *BJA FY 21 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses* is approved. Please log into DOJ's JustGrants system at [JustGrants](https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov).

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**GAM Information**

**Funded Award Details**

Solicitation Title:	BJA FY 21 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses	Solicitation Category:	N/A
		Federal Award Amount:	\$550,000.00
		Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
		Program Office:	BJA
Project Title:	Connect and Protect: Enhancing LAPD's Approach to Mental Health Issues	UEI	ZRXC MNNSUE J1
		TIN:	*****0735
Project Period:	10/1/21 - 9/30/25		
Managing Office:	OJP		
DOJ Grant Manager:	Renee Howell		
Grant Award Administrator:	BarbraAnn Montesquieu		
FAW Case ID:	FAW-167948		

**Project Period Extension**

<b>New Project Period Start Date</b>	<b>Number of Months to extend Project Period Extension End Date</b>
10/01/2021	12

<b>Current Project Period</b>	<b>Requested Project Period</b>
Current Start Date	Project Period Start Date
10/01/2021	10/01/2021
Current Completion Date	Project Period End Date
09/30/2025	09/30/2026

**Total Period of Performance  
with Requested Extension**  
Months  
60

**Previously Resolved Project Period Extensions**

"For guidance, please see the DOJ Financial Guide."

Justification

LAPD is requesting for an additional 12 month no cost extension for its' FY 2021 Connect and Protect Grant with a new end date of

09/30/2026. The project focuses on working with high frequency utilizers of emergency services and getting them into appropriate treatment. The additional time will mitigate the impact of the delays anticipated due to the diversion of resources to the recent Los Angeles area fires.

Please see attached for detailed extension request

**Attachments**



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<a href="#">Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Approved</a>	Correspondence	Christal McNeil-Wright



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Budget	Dorothy	03/10/20
Other	Russo	25

### Grants Management Comments

Create Date	User	Note
4/7/25 7:38 PM	Nikisha Love	This GAM has been sent back for the following: I strongly suggest that you request the full 12-months to complete your grant project activities given the amount of federal funds remaining and to ensure that if you all are faced with additional barriers you will have time to complete your project goals. Please submit a new letter with the new end date of 9/30/26 and please make sure that you change the new end date on the GAM to reflect 9/30/26 as well. If you do not want the additional time and believe that you all can accomplish all project goals within the timeframe that you all have requested, then please send the GAM back.
4/24/25 5:17 PM	Nikisha Love	This GAM #607427 has been sent back for the following: Please change the new "Project Period End Date" on the GAM from 06/30/2026 to reflect 09/30/2026. Resubmit the GAM once completed.
5/8/25 4:23 PM	Nikisha Love	This GAM has been sent back for the following: 1) GAM "Justification" section - please change the 9 to reflect 12 months and the new end date from 6/30/25 to reflect 9/30/25. Once you have made the requested changes please resubmit on or before COB Friday, May 9, 2025.

### Internal Retroactive Approval

Retroactive approvals should be considered only in extenuating circumstances beyond the award recipient's control that significantly impacted recipient operations, particularly as related to award management and oversight.

This Grant Award Modification (GAM) is for the retroactive approval of expenditures incurred by an award recipient without proper prior approval and/or outside of the authorized project period; and/or costs that were identified as obligated or expended when there was an active withholding condition restricting the obligation or expenditure applied to the award; and/or any other modifications to the grant award occurring without proper prior approval and/or outside of the authorized project period.

**Case details**

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# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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April 11, 2025

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NiKisha Love:

This is an official letter of request for a no-cost extension.

Date of Request: April 11, 2025

Grant Number: 15PBJA-21-GG-04317-MENT, FY 2021 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses Grant Program

New Grant End Date: September 30, 2026

Detailed justification for the extension:

### *Challenges in Engaging High-Risk Individuals:*

The project involves sworn personnel from LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit's (MEU), Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP) team and civilian personnel (clinicians) from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). Their overall duties include handling high-risk mental illness cases in the city. For this project, they are working with "High Frequency Users" (HFUs) and attempting to get them into appropriate treatment, instead of the utilization of emergency services. These individuals have the highest number of calls for service among the clients served by CAMP, can have the highest risk factors, and in some cases, they may be dangerous.

The idea for the project is to convince HFUs to accept alternative treatment and/or hospitalization to stabilize to not cause harm to themselves or to members of the community. This is time-consuming and is different from the usual work of CAMP. Building rapport and gaining trust takes time; convincing them to accept treatment is difficult; and finding hospitals and treatment centers for them requires collaboration with the facilities. These are significant barriers to completing the project, but they are necessary objectives in order achieve the goals and outcomes of this project.

*Officer Attrition and Emergency Response Demands – Los Angeles Fires, Protests and Special Events*

The LAPD continues to lose officers due to attrition and retirements. In 2020, the Department was staffed with nearly 10,000 officers. As of January 2025, the Department has 8,769 officers and expects to lose an additional 150 officers by July 1, leaving a force of about 8,620 sworn, the lowest staffing level since 1995. There are fewer officers available for patrol duty and other functions. While the Department has made efforts to entice applicants, including signing bonuses and other incentives, the number of new hires does not meet the number that retire or leave the Department each year.

The recent fires (January 2025) across the Los Angeles area showed that the Department can be stretched thin during a major disaster. The fires have placed significant strain on LAPD, diverting resources and personnel towards emergency response efforts. Officers have been tasked with securing evacuation zones, managing road closures, and preventing looting in affected areas, stretching the Department's capacity and thereby affecting normal work responsibilities and duties.

In addition to the fires, the Department has been actively addressing the recent protests against mass deportations and the immigration policies of the new Administration. These protests require additional personnel for crowd management and security efforts. These efforts are sporadic but require investigators and officers to assist in managing the protesters.

The CAMP Unit has faced similar challenges, with several investigators being reassigned to patrol and traffic duties in the Pacific Palisades area to support fire-related emergency needs, as well as preventing looting in the affected areas. Their assistance is also being required to respond to protests against mass deportation. Due to these ongoing demands, both regular hours and overtime have been allocated to address these critical incidents. As a result, there has been a reduction of dedicated hours to grant-related objectives.

*Personnel Transition and Integration Challenges*

The CAMP Unit recently experienced the loss of seasoned employees due to retirement and promotions, which has affected the team's capacity and continuity. The unit has since hired new personnel members to fill the positions but integrating them into the team and acclimating them to the specific demands of the unit has proven to be time-consuming. As new individuals become familiar with both the regular duties of the unit and the grant-related objectives and activities, there will inevitably be a period of adjustment. This transition process is crucial for ensuring the success of ongoing operations and the completion of grant deliverables within the required timeline.

Overall, these barriers that both the team and project has faced have significantly impacted the timely completion of the grant. We therefore request a twelve month no-cost extension.

### Components that will be completed

As mentioned above, the project works with HFUs. The results of this project will shed light on the complex nature of providing these individuals with appropriate treatment. The project has the following stated goals:

1. Form a Planning Group to develop and implement a strategic plan.

*This goal has been accomplished.*

2. Collect and use appropriate data to identify, select, and proactively assist HFUs.

*During the additional twelve-month period, we will continue to engage with and assist with HFUs. Justice & Security Strategies, the evaluator for this project, will compile a final report detailing the process, with a focus on two cohort groups. Data for Cohort 1 was collected at the end of December 2024, and a preliminary report has been completed. We anticipate that the efforts with Cohort 2 will offer a more comprehensive and continued understanding of the potential impact of the CAMP Unit on HFUs.*

3. Implement collaborative treatment programs that affect qualified individuals.

*The CAMP Unit will continue collaborating with hospitals and treatment facilities to ensure HFUs are placed in appropriate settings that address their specific needs.*

4. Evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

*As mentioned above, JSS will provide a detailed report about the impact of the program using robust social science methods.*

This project is positioned to provide unique and critical knowledge about individuals who frequently interact with law enforcement and utilize medical resources. The insights gained from this project are expected to offer practical and useful information to LAPD and other law enforcement agencies nationwide, enabling them to better address the needs of this demographic.

The evaluation of this project will serve as a model for other law enforcement agencies, highlighting successful and unsuccessful efforts, the required manpower, and the involvement of family members.

### *Budget Status:*

As of the financial report ending December 2024, the \$550,000 grant award has an outstanding balance of \$405,211.86.

*Timeline:*

The attached timeline shows the goals and anticipated dates of completion of each goal. Note that for Goal 1 the Planning and Implementation Guide was completed and approved in August 2023.

	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026
Goal 1. Form a Planning Group to development and implementing a strategic plan						
Goal 2. Collect and use appropriate data to identify, select, and proactively assist high-frequency utilizers of criminal justice and mental health services in Los Angeles	Teams started to meet with their Subjects to form intervention plans.	Continued to add appropriate subject as other fell off list. Continued to provide intervention services. Deliverable		Completion of data collection and outreach. Deliverable		
Goal 3. Implement collaborative treatment programs that affect qualified individuals	Begin extended outreach to selected appropriate individuals.		Complete outreach to Subjects and connection to outside partners. Deliverable			
Goal 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of the program	Track and monitor HFUs; conduct interviews of CAMP personnel; measure recidivism.			Analyze data; create an outline of the final report; write a draft of the evaluation report.	Submit draft of final report and collect feedback from partners. Revise final report based on feedback from partners. Deliverable	Submit final evaluation report. Deliverable

Respectfully,



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