County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

February 17, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to submit a grant application to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) requesting a maximum of $100,000 in federal funding, with no local match required.

2. Instruct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to provide a wet/real signature on the following grant application documents: three (3) Certification of Assurance of Compliance forms (Attachment 1) and three (3) Additional Signature Authorization forms (Attachment 2).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been selected to participate in the OES Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program. Under this grant solicitation, the Department is eligible to receive $100,000 in federal funding. Should the Department be awarded these funds, the Department will collaborate with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to establish a comprehensive approach to combating gun violence. Specifically, this program intends to unite prosecutors with community leaders in order to implement a multi-faceted strategy to deter and punish gun violence.

In carrying out the objectives of the PSN program, the collective efforts of all participating federal, state, and local agencies, will be guided by the United States Attorney (USA). Within its leadership role, the USA will implement the five (5) core elements of the PSN program, which are: partnerships, strategic planning, training, outreach, and accountability. Ultimately, the primary goal of the PSN program is to sustain a reduction in gun violence from the use of illegal firearms. The focus of these efforts will be within the Department's Century Station jurisdiction, which includes the unincorporated areas of Florence, Firestone, Walnut Park, Willowbrook, and Athens Park.

In its role as a local law enforcement agency participating in the PSN program, the Department will dedicate and assign one (1) Bonus 1 Investigator to the Gun Unit, Detective Division, who will work out of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Regional Gun Crime Center in the City of Los Angeles. During the Investigator's time at the Regional Gun Crime Center, he/she will conduct proactive investigations of both adults and juveniles committing firearms offenses within the above specified PSN project area. Throughout the duration of the project, the assigned Investigator will dedicate 25 percent of his/her time toward analyzing data and crime patterns within the area and the remaining 75 percent of the time to conducting follow-up investigations on firearms used in crimes within the target area.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The PSN program supports two (2) goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this potential funding source, the Department will realize the achievement of Goal #1: Service Excellence and Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness. With the grant funds being directed at assisting the Department in supporting a program that seeks to reduce gun violence, not only will the Department further execute its prescribed mission and responsibilities for the welfare of the residents of Los Angeles County, but it will also allow the Department to effectively collaborate with other law enforcement agencies to ensure that the goals and objectives of the program are successfully realized.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The PSN program will potentially provide $100,000 in federal grant funding to the Department. Under this program, the County is not required to contribute any matching funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This proposed program will be effective for one (1) year. The application documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Should the Department be selected to receive the aforementioned grant award, there will be no negative impact on the Department's current services and/or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the Department requests that your Board please provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and three (3) originally executed copies of the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance and Additional Signature Authorization forms to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Karen J. Anderson, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5408, or Richard F. Martinez, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5299.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Baca

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

ATTACHMENT 1

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, hereby certify that:
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as line 13 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

GRANTEE: County of Los Angeles

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROJECT TITLE: Project Safe Neighborhoods

is responsible for reviewing the *Grantee Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – *(Grantee Handbook* Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of Race, Religious Creed, Color, National Origin, Ancestry, Disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, Medical Condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), Marital Status, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Denial of Family Medical Care Leave, Denial of Pregnancy Disability Leave, or Age (over 40). ***OES- funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.***

Please provide the following information:

A.A. Officer: Randall J. Olson

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5671

Email: rjolson@lasd.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – *(Grantee Handbook* Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2153)

The State of California requires all OES funded projects to obtain written certification that the project is not impacting the environment negatively.

IV. Lobbying – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2154)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2155)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The Applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The Applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the grantee may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the grantee has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [line 13 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Lee Baca

Authorized Official's Typed Name: Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: Sheriff

Date Executed: 1/30/04

Federal ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: County of Los Angeles

AUTHORIZED* BY:

- City/County Financial Officer
- City Manager
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Don Knabe

Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

* - Official authorized to countersign

ATTACHMENT 2

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Grant Award #: _____

Applicant: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Project Title: Project Safe Neighborhoods

Grant Period: November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004

The following persons are authorized to sign for:

Project Director

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Approved By:

Project Director: Lee Baca _____ 1/30/04
Date

Financial Officer: _____ _____
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Regional/Local
Planning Director: _____ _____
Date

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Project Director: Lee Baca _____ 1/30/04 Date

Financial Officer: _____ _____ Date

Regional/Local Planning Director: _____ _____ Date

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