County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

October 18, 2005

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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE GRANT AWARD FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, AND APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve a grant award in the sum of $20,000, from the State of California, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), for Correctional Services Division to initiate a pilot program implementing the use of deputy handler/alcohol sniffing dog teams as a deterrent effect on the illegal production and consumption of alcohol within the Los Angeles County jail facilities.

2. Adopt a resolution (Attachment I) authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to sign and execute a $20,000 grant award agreement from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and any subsequent amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and grant renewals pertaining to said grant, and accept liability for any acts occurring under the grant.

3. Approve an appropriation adjustment for $20,000 to be fully offset by State grant funds (Attachment II).

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In March 2005, applications requesting grant funding to implement Alcohol and Beverage Control Programs were submitted to ABC by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). On September 13, 2005, ABC sent notification to the Department that Correctional Services Division was selected to receive grant funding in the amount of $20,000.

ABC has consistently awarded grant funding for programs to various units of the Department. This is Correctional Services Division's first year to apply for and be selected to receive this grant. The jail system of Los Angeles County has an average daily inmate population of 18,000. Correctional Services Division works closely with the Custody Operations Division to supplement Custody Operations Division's basic function of housing incarcerated men and women safely and securely. A contributing factor to violence in the jails is the availability and consumption of inmate-produced illicit alcohol known in the jails as "Pruno." The presence of "Pruno" in Los Angeles County jail facilities has created an unacceptable level of risk to inmates.

Correctional Services Division will implement a pilot program to purchase specialized dogs that can be easily trained to sniff out ingredients that produce "Pruno". Once illegal alcohol is detected, these dogs will passively alert to the location of the product by simply sitting down near the source.

Two dogs will be purchased as puppies and be trained by the kennel in scent detection. They will pair with deputies who will receive special dog-handling training, and then be assigned the full-time duty of working as two teams of deputy and dog, one to cover jail facilities in the northern half of Los Angeles County, and the other to cover jail facilities in the southern half of the County.

The Department of ABC requires that the attached resolution be adopted by your Board in order to execute the grant.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program will meet the County's Strategic Plan, Goal #3, Organizational Effectiveness, by ensuring that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal-oriented.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The $20,000 in grant funding from ABC will allow the Department to implement a pilot program using scent detection dogs to curtail the illegal production and consumption of alcohol within the jails thus reducing inmate violence. This will have an overall impact of creating safer jails for the inmates as well as Custody Operations Division staff. The grant funds will be used to purchase the two dogs and their training, as well as the training of two deputies as dog handlers. The Department and the Inmate Welfare Commission will fund all ongoing and additional costs associated with operating this program. There are no matching funds required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The ABC grant award period is for a 9-month term, from September 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. The resolution requires the County to accept liability for any actions occurring in the use of grant funds. The contractual requirements of the grant award and the resolution have been approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This grant will have a positive impact on current services by focusing on curtailing the illegal production and consumption of alcohol within the jails. The project calls for a unique approach that will use trained scent detection dogs and deputy handlers to go inside all County jails, on a regular basis, to impact this problem.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter and five (5) original signed resolutions, in order to meet the requirements of the Department of ABC, to the Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit. The Sheriff's Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Michelle Day, Grants Unit Manager, (323) 526-5212, and Sheri Buyher, Grants Coordinator, (323) 526-5408.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors desires to undertake a certain project designated the "Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Alcoholic Beverage Control Program" to be financed with funds made available through the Grant Assistance to Local Law Enforcement Agencies Project administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (hereafter referred to as ABC).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles is authorized to sign and accept on behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors a Grant Award Agreement from the ABC, including any extensions, amendments, modifications, contracts, or augmentations thereof, and any subsequent contract or grant renewal with the State in relation thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles agrees to the funding terms and conditions of ABC, including any amendment thereof.

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 ABC disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

IT IS ALSO AGREED that this award shall not be subject to local hiring freezes.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County of Board of Supervisors in a meeting thereof held on the_____day of _____2005 by the following:

Vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

ATTEST: _____ Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By: _____
GARY GROSS
Senior Deputy County Counsel

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S NO. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF September 30, 2005

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

– 4 VOTES –

SOURCES		USES	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY BUDGET UNIT REVENUE - LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AO1 - SH - 15685 - 8831	$ 20,000	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY BUDGET UNIT SERVICES & SUPPLIES - 2000 AO1 - SH - 15685 - 2000	$ 20,000
TOTAL	$ 20,000		$ 20,000

JUSTIFICATION: APPROVE A GRANT AWARD IN THE SUM OF $20,000, FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION TO INITIATE A PILOT PROGRAM PURCHASING SPECIALIZED DOGS THAT CAN BE EASILY TRAINED TO SNIFF OUT INGREDIENTS THAT PRODUCES "PRUNO".

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Conrad Meredith
Director, Financial Programs, ASD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— _____ ACTION

_____ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY _____

No. _____ _____ 19

APPROVED AS REQUESTED _____ AS REVISED

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS _____ 19

BY _____
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

SEND 6 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER