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January 10, 2006

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:

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF
TRANSPORTATION
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to execute Agreements substantially similar to Attachment A, with the program vendors, indicated on Attachment B, selected through the Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. The selected vendors will provide the Pedestrian and/or Child Passenger/Occupant Safety components of the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant. Total funding for all vendors shall not exceed \$332,924 for the contract period January 11, 2006 or one day after Board award, whichever comes later, through January 31, 2008 and will be fully financed by State OTS funds.
2. Authorize the Director of DPSS to negotiate and execute contract amendments with the agencies indicated on Attachment B, for any required term extension and increase or decrease in contract amounts based on contractor performance and availability of funding provided that: (a) the amount of change does not exceed 25% of the original contract amount; and (b) approval is granted by County Counsel. DPSS will inform the Board and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of any increase or decrease in funding. This action assures full expenditure of funds and is consistent with the Board's policy requiring review of contractor performance.

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3. Approve the agencies' recommended funding levels totaling \$332,924, as indicated on Attachment B, for the provision of the Pedestrian and Child Passenger/Occupant Safety components under the Office of Traffic Safety program, to the low-income residents of Los Angeles County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 11, 2001, your Board originally accepted and approved State OTS grant funds to establish the County's Traffic Safety Program under a three-year contract with the State. On June 29, 2004, your Board approved a 15-month extension of the County's original OTS contract. On September 20, 2005, your Board approved a 27-month OTS contract to accept grant funds from the State.

Through the OTS program, agencies throughout the County provide Pedestrian and Child Passenger classroom training and distribute appropriate car seats to the participants. The sixteen agencies listed on Attachment B and the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) responded to the IFB solicitation and are recommended to provide these services. Of the total \$370,000 for these services, \$332,924 is recommended for the agencies on Attachment B. CSS will be awarded the remaining balance of \$37,076.

The vendors are also responsible for the outreach and screening of the participants to ensure low-income residents in the targeted areas of Los Angeles County are served through this program. Each vendor is required to participate in one Special Event during the contract period. The vendors may be reimbursed up to \$1,090 for these events with prior approval from Los Angeles County.

In addition, the State has recommended the County provide a Teenage Drinking and Driving Deterrent Program. This is a State priority and a new grant component aimed at reducing the incidence of teenage drinking and driving through outreach and education in local high schools. The Department is working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to implement the Teenage Drinking and Driving Deterrent component of this program.

The new OTS grant will allow DPSS to continue serving low-income residents through the provision of Pedestrian and Child Passenger/Occupant Safety activities designed to reduce the incidence of vehicular and pedestrian accidents in low-income areas. This grant will not serve the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which are directly awarded their own OTS grants for the same type of activities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Traffic Safety Program directly supports the following Countywide Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1 - Provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive; Goal 3 – Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented; and Goal 5 – Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in two of the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health, and safety and survival.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding for approved vendors in the amount of \$370,000 will be provided exclusively with State OTS grant funds. There will be no Net County Cost (NCC) impact.

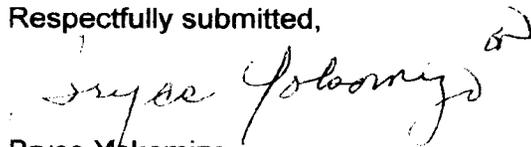
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions enables the Department to continue implementation of the Traffic Safety Program with services targeted to low-income residents in Los Angeles County. The recommended actions will not infringe on the role of the County in providing services to its residents and the County's ability to respond to an emergency will not be impaired.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board Letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryce Yokomizo
Director

Attachments

- c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Auditor-Controller
- Community Action Board