County of Los Angeles
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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

March 7, 2006

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE AND APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of $100,000 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the Active Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Pilot Program.

2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and/or augmentations to said grant, should such action(s) be required during the term of the grant.

3. Approve a Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $100,000 to be offset with the funds awarded by the NIJ (Attachment 1).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 4, 2005, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department submitted an application for the Active RFID Pilot Program in response to NIJ's Corrections Technology grant solicitation. The objective of the Active RFID Program is to evaluate the effectiveness and technical merits of deploying active RFID technology in a jail environment. This technology has not yet been deployed in a high-turnover jail facility where there is a high volume of inmate movement. Upon review of the Department's application, the NIJ has selected the Department to receive $100,000 in grant funding. The funding will assist in the implementation of this pilot program, which will be administered by Correctional Services Division. The projected site is the East facility of Peter J. Pitchess Detention Center, which houses approximately 1,800 inmates. The Sheriff's Department intends to file a Request For Proposal for a pilot study on the application of RFID technology in a jail environment that is estimated to cost between $1.5 million to $1.6 million, which this grant will partially supplant.

Implementation of Strategic Plan

This grant award will enable the Sheriff's Department to meet one of the goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding source, the Sheriff's Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal #2: Workforce Excellence, enhancing the quality and productivity of the County workforce. This grant award will provide funding to evaluate the effectiveness and technical merits of deploying active RFID technology in a jail environment.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This grant, in the sum of $100,000, with no local match required, from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, will partially pay for a Lieutenant and a Deputy Sheriff to coordinate, administer, and monitor the program. Approval of the Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $100,000 is requested for funding to be spent this fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The term of the grant award is for 12 months, from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006. Award documents were received on September 21, 2005.

This Board letter and award documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The funding will enhance the current jail environment's communications technology. This program will measure both the effectiveness of this technology as a deterrent in reducing inmate-initiated assaults on other inmates and officers, as well as its effectiveness as a tool for investigating incidents.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter to the Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit. The Sheriff's Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Frank Williams, Assistant Director, at (323) 526-5251, and Marcelle Murr, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5222.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S No. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF FEBRUARY 21, 2006

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 - 9001 $100,000	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CUSTODY BUDGET UNIT SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 1000 AO1 - SH - 15685 - 1000 $100,000
TOTAL $100,000	$100,000

JUSTIFICATION: APPROVE A GRANT AWARD IN THE SUM OF $100,000, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTUTITE OF JUSTICE (NIJ) FOR THE ACTIVE RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) PILOT PROGRAM, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION, AT THE EAST FACILITY OF PETER J. PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER.

Conrad Meredith
Director, Financial Programs, ASD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

APPROVED AS REQUESTED AS REVISED

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): 19
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