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September 5, 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:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT THIRD YEAR GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY  
(CSA) FOR THE ABOLISH CHRONIC TRUANCY (ACT) LONG BEACH-PARAMOUNT  
PROGRAM (4th DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to accept third year Federal Title II grant funds, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, from the State of California CSA in the amount of \$200,000 for the ACT Long Beach-Paramount Program covering the period of August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to execute the Grant Award Agreement, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
3. Authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, on behalf of the County, to serve as Project Director for the ACT Long Beach-Paramount Program, and to sign and approve any revisions to the grant award agreement that do not increase the net County cost of the agreement.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The District Attorney's Office (DA) has been awarded grant funds from the State CSA in the amount of \$200,000 for the ACT program in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts (School Districts). The goal of the ACT Program is to prevent juvenile delinquency and future adult criminality by breaking the cycle of poor school attendance and returning truant children to the schoolroom rather than the courtroom.

A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the funding is required by the State CSA.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The focus of this program supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-being, to improve the well-being of children and family in Los Angeles County in the areas of safety and survival, and social and emotional well-being. Acceptance of the grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the federal level.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The grant award of \$200,000 will fully offset program costs. Funding for this program was included in the DA's 2006-07 budget.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant-budgeted positions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Congress established the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in 1974 to assist communities in addressing the problems of juvenile crime and delinquency. As amended in 2002, the JJDP Act created the Formula Grants Program (Title II, Part B), which supports State and local efforts to prevent/reduce delinquency and to improve the juvenile justice system. ACT is a parental responsibility-based truancy reduction program that works with elementary schools to identify children with problem attendance, contact their parents, and provide supportive assistance to families in an effort to correct school attendance problems before juvenile court action becomes necessary.

The ACT Long Beach – Paramount Program serves 70 elementary schools in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts. An independent outcome assessment of the program has demonstrated that ACT students show a 10 to 11 day attendance improvement at the one year follow up.

From August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, 1,200 youth participated in the ACT Long Beach – Paramount Program. Forty-nine school parent meetings were held, intervening with 664 parents. There were 312 School Attendance Review Team hearings and forty-two SARB hearings.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The ACT program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender and Sheriff's Departments.

**CONCLUSION:**

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for this program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and approved Resolution to Albert Ablaza, Contracts and Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Ablaza at (213) 202-7683 or via e-mail at aablaza@da.co.la.ca.us.

Very truly yours,



STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

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Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel



1 Angeles, to sign and approve on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the Grant  
2 Award Agreement including any extensions or submission of amendments,  
3 progress reports, and payment requests thereof;

4 **IT IS AGREED** that liability arising out of the performance this Grant  
5 Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the  
6 responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. It is  
7 recognized that the State of California, CSA disclaims any responsibility for  
8 any such liability;

9 **I DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that a regular meeting on the Board of  
10 Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
11 \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

12 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
13 seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this \_\_\_\_\_  
14 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

15 County of Los Angeles

16 by \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Mayor, Board of Supervisors

18 SACHI A. HAMAI,  
19 Executive Officer-Clerk of the  
20 Board of Supervisors of the  
21 County of Los Angeles

22 By \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Deputy

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM  
25 BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

26 RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

By 

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

**Grant Project Title and Description**

The Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT) Long Beach-Paramount program will serve 70 elementary schools in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts. The goal of the ACT program is to prevent juvenile delinquency and future adult criminality by breaking the cycle of poor school attendance and returning children to the schoolroom rather than the courtroom.

**Funding Agency**  
State of California  
Corrections Standards Authority

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**  
CSA 327-06

**Grant Acceptance Deadline**

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$200,000

**County Match:** \$0

**Grant Period:** 8/1/06-7/31/07

**Begin Date:** August 1, 2006

**End Date:** July 31, 2007

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:**

**Full Time** 2

**PartTime**   

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes  No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes  No

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes  No

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes  No

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes  No

(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes  No

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

**Department Head Signature** Steve Cooley by Cheryl Matsumoto **Date** 8/22/06