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

February 20, 2007

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 AUGMENTATION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE 2005 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept a grant award augmentation from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for grant funding in the amount of $143,074, to secure continued education and training programs for the Sheriff's Department's (Department) forensic scientists.

2. Approve a Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $144,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department has received a Letter of Intent to extend the current grant period and award additional funds for the Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act, henceforth referred to as the Coverdell '05 Program. The Department will receive an augmented amount of $143,074 in grant funding. These funds, which are intended to support the Department's ongoing Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (NFSIA) grant program, shall be utilized by the Department to secure continued education and training programs for the Department's full-time forensic scientists.

In complying with the objective of this funding opportunity, the allocation will be used to send members of the Department's forensics staff to educational and training seminars aimed at improving the quality, timeliness, and credibility of Departmental investigations and evidence examinations. In addition to this, the Department's forensic scientists will be afforded the opportunity to learn modern, industry-specific skills and techniques, that will allow for more efficient and effective investigations.

The curriculum of the educational and training seminars, to be participated in by the Department, will include both theoretical and practical components. These components will be established and developed by the California Attorney General's Forensic Science Task Force and the National Institute of Justice. The organizational characteristics of the seminars will ensure that the curriculum is valid and reliable and will assist the Department in maintaining its American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) accreditation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The goal of the NFSIA grant program is providing continuing education and training for the Department's forensic scientists. This goal supports the achievement of the County's Strategic Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, and Strategic Goal 3, Organizational Effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The NFSIA grant program will provide $143,074 in Federal grant funding to the Department with no match requirement. The augmented funding for this program will be included in the Department's FY 2006-07 budget. Any funds remaining at the end of FY 2006-07, will be carried over into the FY 2007-08 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The original funding cycle for this program was for one year from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. Along with awarding additional funds, OES has also extended the current grant period to October 31, 2007.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the Department receives the aforementioned grant augmentation, 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 to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Frank Williams, Assistant Director, at (323) 526-5251, or Sheri Buyher, Grants Analyst, at (323) 526-5408.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff

Grant Project Title and Description: 2005 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program (Coverdell '05 Program)

Grant to secure continued education and training programs for the forensic scientists who work in the Crime Lab and purchase various supplies.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)	FY 2006-2007	N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 143,074 **County Match Requirments:** 0
Grant Period: 1/01/06 - 10/31/07 **Begin Date:** 1/01/06 **End Date:** 10/31/07
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0 **Full Time** 0 **Part Time** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?N/A Yes___ No____

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A Yes ___No____

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ____ No__X_

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__X__

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes _____ No__X__

(Describe)_____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes __X___ No____

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: There is no impact, as this is the fifth year of funding for this project.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 2/8/07

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

February 6 ~~19~~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

FY 2006-07

— 4 VOTES —

SOURCES		USES	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GENERAL SUPPORT		SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GENERAL SUPPORT	
A01-SH-90-9001-15681-15687		A01-2000-15681-15687	
FEDERAL OTHERS	$144,000	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	$144,000
INCREASE REVENUE		INCREASE APPROPRIATION	

JUSTIFICATION: Appropriation adjustment to accept a grant award augmentation from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for Grant Funding under the 2005 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences improvement Program to be utilized by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department continued education and training programs for the full-time forensic scientists.

Conrad Meredith, Director
ASD - Financial Programs

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY Helen Fung
No. 164 FEB 7 ~~19~~ 2007

APPROVED AS REQUESTED AS REVISED

19 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 19

BY DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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