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August 7, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve a grant award in the sum of $2,372,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), for Risk Management Bureau, Traffic Services Detail, to continue their Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Traffic Enforcement for the Contract Cities Program, focusing on traffic safety enforcement and education in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) contract cities.

2. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment I) authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to sign and execute a $2,372,000 grant award agreement from the OTS, and any subsequent amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and grant renewals pertaining to said grant, and accept liability for any acts occurring under the grant.

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

OTS awards Federal funding on a competitive basis to State and local political subdivisions of the State. On January 29, 2007, an application was submitted to OTS by the Department's Traffic Services Detail (TSD), requesting grant funding to continue to develop and implement its DUI Enforcement for Contract Cities Program. On June 12, 2007, OTS sent notification to the Department that its TSD was selected to receive grant funding in the amount of $2,372,000.

The Department's TSD will continue to develop and implement their DUI Enforcement for the Contract Cities Program focusing on traffic safety enforcement and education in 40 contract cities to whom the Department provides traffic enforcement services. The main goals of the Program will be to reduce alcohol-involved injury and fatal traffic collisions, increase traffic safety awareness, and provide traffic safety education.

Throughout the State, alcohol is a major contributor to fatal and injury traffic collisions. According to the latest (2005) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, which is compiled by the California Highway Patrol, alcohol-involved fatal collisions had increased 18.4 percent and alcohol-involved persons killed had increased 20.3 percent in the past five years.

The Traffic Safety Program (TSP) will include a focus on high school students and topics related to driving under the influence and illegal street racing. Additionally, monthly driving under the influence/driver's license (DUI/DL) checkpoints, saturation patrols, stakeout operations, court sting operations, and warrant service patrols will be conducted. The program will consist of three phases including program preparation, program development, and data gathering and reporting.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This Program will meet the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Service Excellence, by providing a comprehensive Traffic Safety Program to 40 contract cities within Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The $2,372,000 in grant funding from OTS will allow the Department to continue to implement and develop its TSP for contract cities through September 30, 2009. There is no matching of funds required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The OTS grant award period is from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009. The contractual requirements of the grant award and the Resolution have been approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

In addition to DUI/DL checkpoints, saturation patrols, stakeout operations, court sting operations, and warrant services, this grant will also have a positive impact on current services by focusing and presenting the TSP to high school students. Due to State and

Federal school curriculum requirements and time limitations, training programs geared toward high school students are limited.

The local District Attorney's Office (DAO), Public Defender's Office (PDO), and Alternate Public Defender's Office (APDO) were notified of the grant project for review regarding any potential impact to their offices.

Upon review, it was determined that this continuing Program will not have a significant impact on the services of the PDO. A response from the APDO related that there will be continued impact to APDO services; however, they believe the impact can be managed with current resources. The Department did not receive a response from the DAO.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter and two (2) original signed resolutions, in order to meet the requirements of the OTS. The Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Peter Zavala, Grants Unit Manager, (323) 526-5112, and Sheri Buyher, Grants Analyst, (323) 526-5408.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

ATTACHMENT #1

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's DUI Enforcement and Education Project for Contract Cities" to be financed with funds made available from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

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, Grant Award Agreement #AL-0808, from the OTS, 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 OTS, 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 OTS 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 _____ 2007 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