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

August 5, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE IDENTITY THEFT DETAIL (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept a grant award in the amount of $505,713 from Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the Southern California High Technology Task Force Identity Theft Detail (SCHTTFITD). The Department will provide an in-kind match of $126,428 for a program total of $632,141. This is an ongoing program in its ninth year of funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept a SCHTTFITD grant from the OES for Fiscal Year 2008-09, in the amount of $505,713.

2. Authorize the Sheriff or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as project director of the program, to sign and execute said grant award, and to perform all further tasks necessary for completion of the project, including execution of amendments, extensions, contracts, grant renewals, and other award documents.

3. Instruct the Chair of the Board to provide a wet signature on the Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Attachment I).

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Under the requirements of the OES, the applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance, signed by the Governing Board Chair, in place of a resolution.

The SCHTTFITD will provide the highest quality law enforcement investigative and support services in the identity theft field. The SCHTTFITD will support local law enforcement agencies with training and expertise to assist in investigations and the prosecution of identity theft crimes. It will also support the people of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties through investigation and prosecution efforts. In the last 16 months, the SCHTTFITD served 204 search warrants, arrested 218 violators, filed 148 criminal complaints alleging identity theft, and identified 12,072 victims. Nearly $40.6 million in fraudulently obtained property was recovered.

Senate Bill 438 and Penal Code Section 13848 established a program of financial and technical assistance in the OES, which has been designated as the High Technology Theft and Apprehension Program (HTTAP). The OES awarded a HTTAP grant to Los Angeles, Ventura, and Orange Counties, also known as the Southern California High Tech Task Force (SCHTTF), through the Department, who was designated by your Board as the project director. As an additional program under the SCHTTF grant, the SCHTTFITD was created and funded.

On May 1, 2008, the OES notified the Department of the earmarked allocation in the amount of $505,713, including a required 25 percent in-kind match of $126,428 for a program total of $632,141. The application was submitted on June 2, 2008, for the period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Upon signature of the Certification of Assurance, the grant award documents will be executed by the State.

Due to the passage of Senate Bill 438, Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties' law enforcement and prosecution agencies are involved with local and state law enforcement agencies in the California Statewide High Technology Crime Apprehension and Prosecution Program. This program has become a statewide effort to address the growing rate of high technology crime that is either undetected, unenforced, or unreported to law enforcement. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, in 2007, identity theft crime in the United States became a $52 billion industry.

The participating agencies of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties make up one of the State's regional task forces under this program. The Identity Theft Detail is a major component of the task force. Other regional task forces are currently operational in the Sacramento Valley area, Santa Clara County, Napa County, and San Diego County.

The Department will provide grant funded and in-kind support staff for the SCHTTF and SCHTTFITD. All participating agencies will donate at least 40 hours per month to assist in task force and identity theft investigations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The program is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan. Specifically, Goal 1, Service Excellence, and Goal 5, Children and Families' Well-Being, by providing committed employees to support the High Technology Crime Task Force and Identity Theft Detail in the community. The Task Force will reduce the number of high tech crimes and identity theft crimes and improve the quality of life for citizens in Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This grant award is for the 12 month period commencing July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The program total of $632,141 is for administrative and investigative positions, operating expenses, and equipment for the detail. A 25 percent in-kind match of $126,428 is required to receive grant funding. Other agencies receiving funding are Ventura County Sheriff ($92,088) and Los Angeles County District Attorney ($45,528).

Approximately 62 percent of the District Attorney's salary expense will be offset by the grant funding, the remaining 38 percent will be absorbed by the District Attorney.

The Department has included funding for this program in the Department's Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Alternate Public Defender's Office for review and no impact statements were received from those departments.

This letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

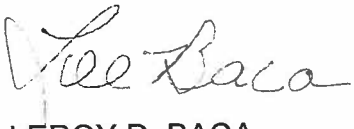
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Identity theft crime has evolved and is becoming more "high tech." New trends such as skimming, data breeches, technology advancements, and the current state of the economy have contributed to the rise in identity theft crime. State support of the efforts already made by Los Angeles County is the only way the Identity Theft Detail will be able to continue its tenacious attack on these criminals.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return (2) copies of the Board-adopted letter and (2) Certifications of Assurance, to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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ATTACHMENT #1

Print Form

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, LEROY D. BACA hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PROJECT TITLE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH TECH TASK FORCE- IDENTITY THEFT DETAIL

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: BLAINE BOLIN

Title: LIEUTENANT

Address: 4700 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5634

Email: dbbolin@lasd.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)*

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.)* requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEAQ requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2154)*

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – *(Recipient Handbook Section 2155)*

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. *Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board*

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. 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 OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Lee Baca

Authorized Official's Name: LEROY D. BACA

Authorized Official's Title: SHERIFF

Date Executed: 6-2-08

Federal Employer ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Name: YVONNE B. BURKE

Title: CHAIR OF GOVERNING BODY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR, County Counsel

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Deputy

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

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description

Southern California High Tech Task Force – Identity Theft Detail
The Detail will provide the highest quality of law enforcement investigative and support services in the identity theft field. The Detail supports local law enforcement agencies with training, equipment, and expertise for the investigation and prosecution of identity theft crimes.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)	HD08080190	Earmarked – Application due June 2, 2008

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $505,713 **County Match Requirements:** $126,428
Grant Period: 7/1/08 – 6/30/09 **Begin Date:** 7/1/08 **End Date:** 6/30/09
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 2 **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? Yes X No

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

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No

(Describe)_____

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

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: No impact. This is the ninth year for the program.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None.

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 07/24/08