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 SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Execute the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Attachment I) to authorize the Sheriff to accept a grant award in the amount of $1,079,100 from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team Program. This is an ongoing program in its third year of funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Request the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to provide a wet signature to the Certification of Assurance of Compliance as required by OES, as part of the application process.

2. Execute Attachment I, whereby your Board:

   - Authorizes the Sheriff to accept a SAFE grant award from OES, for Fiscal Year 2008-09, in the total amount of $1,079,100 with no matching funds.

   - Authorizes the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign and execute documents including amendments, modifications, extensions, and other grant documents.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

OES received funding in the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget for the purpose of funding seven projects Statewide to initiate SAFE Teams in each of the seven OES Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Regions. The formula for this grant funding, calculated by OES and earmarked for each mutual aid region, is requested through the application process.

The program which was initiated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), entitled the Los Angeles County Regional SAFE Team, is a countywide effort funded to combat the non-compliance of Penal Code Section 290 registrants within its jurisdiction. Los Angeles County has 25 percent of the State's total registrants. The SAFE Team will provide a team of investigators, including a deputy district attorney III, probation officer II, and a state parole agent I to target non-compliant sex offender registrants within Los Angeles County. The establishment of the SAFE Team will facilitate a centralized location for inter-agency communication, tracking, and sharing of intelligence to increase the compliancy rate of the sex offender registrants. This effort is intended to reduce recidivism through community education, frequent contact by law enforcement with the identified population, and monitoring registration compliance to ensure sex offenders are registered and tracked appropriately.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The SAFE Team program supports two goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding source, the Department will be given the opportunity to realize the achievement of Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, and Goal 5, Children and Families' Well-Being. The efforts of this program will educate the community and parents, as well as the Penal Code Section 290 registrants, to ensure that sex offenders are registered and are being tracked appropriately, ultimately making the community safer and more secure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The term of the 2008 SAFE grant award is for a period of 12 months, from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The FY 2008-09 third year of funding in the amount of $1,079,100 (Salaries and Employee Benefits - $743,928, Services and Supplies - $ 255,172, Fixed Assets - $80,000), is off-set by State funds, with no local match required.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's operational budget for FY 2008-09.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the requirements of the OES, the applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, signed by the Governing Body, which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from a City Council/Governing Board. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances before finalization of the grant award agreement. The Department submitted the application prior to the due date of June 30, 2008, and will submit, upon Board approval, the Board-signed Certification to complete the application process.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County's justice departments and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Board action will allow the Department to successfully deploy the Los Angeles Regional SAFE Team within the County. Because of the number of sex offenders not registering as ordered, the program may have a significant impact on the County's justice departments.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board letter and one (1) signed copy of the Certification of Assurance of Compliance to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

ATTACHMENT #1

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: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PROJECT TITLE: LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL SAFE TEAM

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: DARRELL B. BOLIN

Title: LIEUTENANT

Address: 4700 RAMONA BOULEVARD, MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754

Phone: (323)526-5612

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, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Date Executed: 6-30-08

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, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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: **FY 08-09 Los Angeles County Regional Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team.**

This project, implemented by the Department's Special Victims Bureau, is a Countywide task force that targets and develops tactics to better ensure the registration and tracking of individuals required to register as sex offenders, intended to reduce recidivism through education, frequent contact, and compliance monitoring. The jurisdiction of this project covers the entire County of Los Angeles.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)	F.Y. 2008-09	July 1, 2008

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $1,079,100 **County Match Requirements:** 0
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: 7 **Full Time** 7 **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__X__

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes __X__ No_ __

(Describe)_FY 2009-10 funding is anticipated in the State Budget

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 on existing space.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

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