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

December 2, 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 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER, FOR THE SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT MINI-GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 (FIFTH DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the Sheriff, as an agent for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of $65,301 from the University of California Berkeley, Traffic Safety Center (TSC), for the purpose of conducting a maximum of seven sobriety checkpoints within the Palmdale Sheriff's Station service area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept the TSC Sobriety Checkpoint Grant award, for Fiscal Year 2008-09, in the total amount of $65,301 with no matching funds.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to sign and execute the grant award and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations to said grant when necessary.

3. Approve a Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget Appropriation Adjustment for the Patrol Budget Unit in the amount of $65,000 for overtime, to be fully offset by TSC funding.

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On October 29, 2008, the Department submitted an application in response to the TSC Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant program solicitation. On November 4, 2008, TSC notified the Department of our grant fund allocation. As a recipient of this award, the Department will receive $65,301 in Federal funds with no local match requirement.

Palmdale Sheriff's Station will conduct sobriety checkpoints identified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) during the Winter Holiday and Labor Day Mobilization. The Winter Holiday Mobilization period is December 12, 2008, through January 3, 2009, and the Labor Day Mobilization period is August 21, 2009, through September 7, 2009. In addition, Palmdale Sheriff's Station personnel will conduct a maximum of five sobriety checkpoints in the months outside the mobilization periods.

The objective of the TSC Sobriety Checkpoint Program is to reduce the number of victims killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes. To successfully achieve this objective, the Department will use the grant funds for overtime to conduct sobriety checkpoint operations at more than one location on any evening throughout the jurisdiction of Palmdale Sheriff's Station.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Service Excellence; Goal 5, Children and Families' Well-being; and Goal 8, Public Safety by reducing the number of victims killed or injured in alcohol-related accidents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

An Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $65,000 is requested to augment the Department's Patrol Budget Unit's Fiscal Year 2008-09. This amount will be fully offset by grant funds.

This program is for 12 months beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on September 8, 2009. Funds provided by TSC will be used for overtime to conduct up to seven sobriety checkpoints.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

After December 19, 2008, the program requires the Department to issue a press release announcing the kick-off of this grant. In addition, Palmdale Sheriff's Station must develop and distribute to the local media a press release for each checkpoint

operation and submit copies of all newspaper articles and short descriptions of broadcast news stories that relate to checkpoint operations or its results to TSC.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

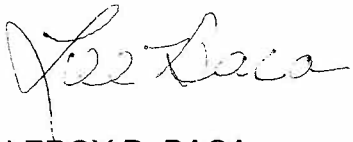
The Department has made contact with each of the County justice departments. Only the Public Defender's office has indicated that impact on their services will be minimal.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by reducing the number of injuries or deaths of victims caused by alcohol related accidents.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to the Sheriff Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



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SHERIFF

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S NO. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

December 2, 2008

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 EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

-- 4 VOTES --

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

SOURCES		USES	
Sheriff's Department - Patrol Budget Unit		Sheriff's Department - Patrol Budget Unit	
A01-SH-90-9031-15681-15682		A01-SH-1000-15681-15682	
Federal Other -- Federal Grants	$65,000	Salaries & Benefits	$65,000
Increase Revenue		Increase Appropriation	
TOTAL	$65,000		$65,000

JUSTIFICATION: Appropriation Adjustment to fund the TSC Sobriety Checkpoint Program, pursuant to grant #SC09304, issued by the University of California - Berkeley, Traffic Safety Center (TSC). The TSC is administering Sobriety Checkpoint mini-grant funds provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), using Federal funds. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 20.600.

Conrad Meredith, Director, Financial Programs Bureau

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

cc: Cynthia Evans

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR -- ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NO. 070

BY

Nov. 18 2008

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓ AS REVISED

Nov. 19 2008

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 20

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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