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January 27, 2009

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (SCDI) FOR THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD INTERDICTION ACTIVITY "URBAN GRANT" PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 (ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Urban Grant Program supports increased investigation and prosecution of organized automobile insurance fraud activity. The District Attorney is requesting approval to accept additional grant funds in the amount of $556,305 for FY 2008-09.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney to accept $556,305 in additional grant funding from SCDI for the Urban Grant Program covering the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. There is no required County match for this grant.

2. Approve the attached budget adjustment in the amount of $1,395,000 to allocate funding authority to salary and employee benefits, services and supplies, and fixed assets for Urban Grant. This amount represents the difference between the grant award of $2,536,205, carryover funds in the amount of $838,937 and the amount budgeted for FY 2008-09.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 17, 2007, the Board approved a three-year grant award from SCDI to the District Attorney's Office for the Urban Grant Program in the amount of $5,939,700 or $1,979,900 each year, for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009.

On September 30, 2008, the SCDI notified the District Attorney that additional funds in the amount of $556,305 were awarded to the Urban Grant Program for a total grant award of $2,536,205 for FY 2008-09.

In addition, FY 2007-08 has carryover funds in the amount of $838,937 for use in FY 2008-09. Therefore, the total available funding from SCDI for this program is $3,375,142, of which $1,980,000 was included in the District Attorney's FY 2008-09 budget. A budget adjustment for the difference of $1,395,000 is needed to allocate appropriation for the full amount allocated to the program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program directly supports the District Attorney's core mission to vigorously prosecute felony crime throughout the County of Los Angeles. Authorizing the District Attorney to accept Urban Grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing available revenue to offset program costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

If funding for this program is terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine whether the program will either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of §1874.8 of the California Insurance Code, the State of California, Department of Insurance is authorized to award and distribute certain funds to district attorneys submitting plans approved by the Bureau of Fraudulent Claims for the increased investigation and prosecution of organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board motion of December 15, 1998 requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board Letter to Ms. Patricia Boone, Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Boone at (213) 202-7668.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Cooley

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

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

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description **Auto Fraud "Urban Grant" Program**

The State Organized Automobile Fraud Interdiction Activity "Urban Grant" Program combats organized automobile insurance fraud and economic auto theft activity in California's urban areas. This program is designed to increase the investigation and prosecution of this widespread crime in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, with the collaboration of the California Highway Patrol, CDI, and the Los Angeles Police Department has broken up numerous staging gangs that have caused millions of dollars in losses.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
California Department of Insurance	Urban Grant (AB1050)	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $556,305* **County Match:** $0
Grant Period: **FY2008-2009** **Begin Date:** July 1, 2008 **End Date:** June 30, 2009
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 16 **Full Time:** 13 **Part Time:** 3
*This amount is in addition to the regular grant award received in FY2008-09 in the amount of $1,979,900.

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 ✓ No__

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ✓ No __

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes __ No ✓

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 ✓ No __

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature S.L. Cunningham **Date** 12/24/08

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DEPT'S.
NO. 370
January 7, 2009

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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 THE RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

4 -VOTES

SOURCES
District Attorney
A01 – DA – 88 – 8831 – 14030
State – Other Revenue $1,395,000
Increase Revenue

USES
District Attorney
A01 – DA – 1000 - 14030
Salaries & Employee Benefits $329,000
Increase Appropriation

District Attorney
A01 – DA – 2000 – 14030
Services & Supplies $903,000
Increase Appropriation

District Attorney
A01 – DA – 6030 – 14030
Fixed Assets $163,000
Increase Appropriation

JUSTIFICATION
This Budget Adjustment allocates the unbudgeted revenue from the State of California, Department of Insurance for the Organized Automobile Fraud Interdiction Activity Urban Grant Program. The additional appropriation will provide sufficient funds needed to successfully implement the program.

Norbert Ruiz, Chief
Budget & Fiscal Services Division

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR	ACTION / RECOMMENDATION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED / AS REVISED January 12 2009 Jacqueline White CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AUDITOR CONTROLLER NO. 116	BY Karen Sikema Jan 8 2009	APPROVED (AS REVISED) BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S BY DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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