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

November 10, 2009

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 CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION MULTI-COMPONENT PROGRAM (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to accept a grant award in the amount of $350,000 with a 10 percent in-kind match of $35,000 from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), formerly known as Office of Emergency Services, for Fiscal Year 2009-10 Gang Violence Suppression (GVS) Multi-Component Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept a grant award in the amount of $350,000 with a 10 percent in-kind match of $35,000 from CalEMA for Fiscal Year 2009-10 GVS Multi-Component Program. The grant period is from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

2. Instruct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute and provide a wet signature on the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Attachment) as required by CalEMA to certify compliance with all grant requirements and to authorize the Sheriff to act as an agent of the County.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent of the County, to execute the grant award agreement and all necessary grant documents, including amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will utilize the GVS grant funds to implement the Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression (AV-GVS) Program.

The AV-GVS Program requires the collaborative efforts of the Department, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles County Probation Department, the Antelope Valley Union School District, and the United Community Action Network.

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the Antelope Valley area and to divert dangerous gang activity into a more positive and constructive behavior.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by combining a multi-component group directed at reducing the prevalence of gang activity in the Antelope Valley area; and Goal 5, Public Safety, by implementing and developing an effective and strategic approach to reducing the crime and nuisance issues associated with gang activities, and improving the safety of residents of the Antelope Valley.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The term of the GVS Program is for a period of 12 months, from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

Funding for the AV-GVS Program is in the amount of $350,000 with a 10 percent match of $35,000, to be contributed through in-kind match for a total program cost of $385,000.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget. The amount will be fully offset by grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On August 17, 2009, a proposal requesting grant funding to implement the GVS Program was submitted to CalEMA by the Department on behalf of Lancaster Sheriff's Station in the amount totaling $350,000.

The Department's Operation Safe Streets Bureau will provide a specially trained gang sergeant (as an in-kind contribution) who will supervise eight gang deputies over both the Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff's Stations.

The AV-GVS will conduct gang, probation/parole, truancy sweeps, and other operations related to gang violence suppression, while working in conjunction with the County's Probation Department and the County's District Attorney's Office for successful prosecution. The County's District Attorney's Office will provide a full-time, trained, and experienced deputy district attorney, partially funded by the grant from its Hardcore Gang Division, to prosecute gang related crimes in the targeted community. The County's Probation Department will provide a deputy probation officer, partially funded by the grant, who will deliver delinquency prevention services and supervision to first-time offenders involved with gangs or drugs.

CalEMA has consistently awarded this grant to the Department. The Department, the lead agency, has applied and received grant funding for this program for the past 11 years.

The Attachment requires, among other things, that any liability arising out of the performance of the grant, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the County. The State of California and CalEMA disclaim responsibility for any such liability. Also, grant funds from CalEMA shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the County.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

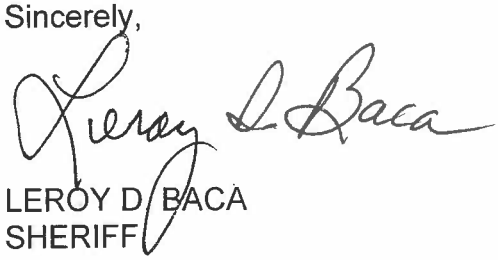
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The County's District Attorney, Public Defender, and Alternate Public Defender have determined that continuation of this program will not have a significant impact upon their respective departments.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter and two original signed Certification of Assurance of Compliance to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff 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: Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression Program

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 CalEMA 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). **CalEMA-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 Jr.

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard

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 CalEMA 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 CEQA requirements.

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

CalEMA 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.)

CalEMA-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 CalEMA, 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 CalEMA disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from CalEMA 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 CalEMA 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 CalEMA 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: Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Typed Name: Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: Sheriff

Date Executed: _____

Federal Employer ID #: 95-6000927 Federal DUNS # 028950678

Current Central Contractor Registration Yes ◉ No ○

Executed in the City/County of: County of Los Angeles

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

- ○ City Financial Officer
- ○ City Manager
- ◉ Governing Board Chair
- ○ County Financial Officer
- ○ County Manager

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Don Knabe

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM
~~RAYMOND G. FORTNER~~, JR. County Counsel
Robert E. Kalunian

BY _____
Deputy

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

Department: Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description: Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression Program (AV-GVS)

The purpose of this program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the Antelope Valley and to divert potentially dangerous gang activity into a more positive and constructive behavior.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA)		

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $350,000 **County Match:** $35,000
Grant Period: 12-Months **Begin Date:** July 1, 2009 **End Date:** June 30, 2010
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0 **Full Time:** 0 **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	No	N/A
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	No	N/A
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	No	X

(Describe)_____

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

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature Kerry A. Baca **Date** 10-28-09