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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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July 19, 2011

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 SOUTHWEST BORDER ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ALLIANCE FOR THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING TASK FORCE (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of $718,376 from the Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance (Alliance) for the Anti-Money Laundering Task Force (AMLTF). This grant is for a 12 month period from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for Los Angeles County (County), to sign and accept the AMLTF grant from the Alliance in the amount of $718,376.

2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute and submit all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, modifications, amendments, grant renewals, extensions, and payment requests that may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department submitted a grant application to the Alliance for the funding of a strategy that focused on civil enforcement, criminal investigations, prosecutions, and money laundering training and education in the Southwest Border Area. This Alliance will provide $718,376 to the Department to implement a new team called the AMLTF. This team, which is comprised of five investigators (one sergeant, one bonus II investigator, two bonus I investigators, and one reserve deputy sheriff), is

directed by a lieutenant and supported by a civilian for administrative duties. The team will collaborate with other Southwest Border Alliance members to actively investigate and prosecute domestic and international money laundering organizations by using all criminal and civil remedies to impact the profit-motivated component of money laundering and narcotics trafficking.

Grant funding will support 75 percent of the sworn personnel salaries and overtime, except for the lieutenant and reserve deputy who are grant funded only for their overtime. The civilian personnel will be grant funded for 50 percent of the salary and overtime.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department has included funding for this program in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget. The term of the AMLTF grant award is from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Alliance is the result of a Settlement Agreement reached between the Arizona Attorney General's Office and Western Union Financial Services, Incorporated. It is governed through an Executive Board consisting of Attorney Generals from Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas, the Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Superintendent of the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions, and the Chief of the Phoenix Police Department in Arizona, for a total of seven voting members. The goal of the Alliance is to provide law enforcement with resources to effectively investigate and prosecute organizations using all criminal and civil remedies to impact the profit-motivated component of narcotics, weapons, and human traffickers or smugglers. With this funding, the Department expects to enhance its investigations and prosecutions of money laundering and underlying crimes from which illegal proceeds flow.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services as it provides the Department's Narcotics Bureau the fiscal ability to fund a new team of investigators to aggressively target money laundering to deter drug cartels from using California as their money laundering super highway.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures

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

Department: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Grant Project Title and Description: Anti-Money Laundering Task Force

Grant funding will support a new team called the Anti-Money Laundering Task Force. It will consists of 5 investigators (1 Sergeant, 1 Bonus II investigator, 2 Bonus I investigators, and 1 Reserve Deputy) directed by a Lieutenant and 1 civilian staff for administrative duties. This team will collaborate with Southwest Border Alliance members to actively investigate and prosecute domestic and international money laundering organizations by using all criminal and civil remedies to impact the profit-motivated component of money laundering and narcotics trafficking.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance		July 29, 2011

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $718,376 **County Match:** None
Grant Period: 12-Months **Begin Date:** July 1, 2011 **End Date:** June 30, 2012
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 X No ___

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

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: No impact.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 7/5/11