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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:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

47 August 14, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
AND THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT TO CONTINUE THE STRATEGIES AGAINST GANG  
ENVIRONMENTS (SAGE) PROGRAM (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The District Attorney's Office (DA) is requesting approval to enter into an agreement by which the City of Paramount (CITY) will provide the DA \$249,801 to partially offset the cost of the Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) Program for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This program provides services to reduce gang violence through the use of various legal and law enforcement actions.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the DA, or her designee, to, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY), sign an agreement with the CITY for the SAGE Program. The CITY will provide the DA with \$249,801 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, which will partially offset the program cost. The total estimated program cost is \$343,432.
2. Authorize the DA, or her designee, to, on behalf of the COUNTY, serve as Project Director for the SAGE Program. Execute and approve up to four one-year extensions to the Agreement at an annual cost to the CITY not less than the current \$249,801 contribution, and approve amendments and augmentations to any program goals, objectives, or budget revisions to the program, subject to the payment limitations in the Agreement.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The SAGE Program abates street gang violence and narcotic-related activities by utilizing criminal nuisance abatement, forfeiture proceedings, informal interventions, technical assistance and other strategies deemed appropriate by the DA and the CITY.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan, Goal No. 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives: Aggressively address society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges and be a highly responsive organization capable of responding to complex societal challenges – one person at a time, and Goal No. 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: Be an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on public service and advancing the common good.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Funding for this program will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. The estimated cost of the program is \$343,432 for the period covering July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The CITY is providing \$249,801 for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to partially offset the salary and employee benefits of the Deputy District Attorney (DDA) assigned to the program. If the Agreement is extended, the annual cost in each subsequent year shall be based on the actual compensation level of the DDA assigned to the program with the CITY's contribution to be not less than the current \$249,801.

If funding for this Agreement 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 a vacant budgeted position.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This Agreement will provide the services of one DDA to the CITY for this purpose. All services provided shall be consistent with the laws of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, the City of Paramount, and all guidelines of the District Attorney's Office. The DDA assigned to this program works closely with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff Department's Special Assignment Officers, Juvenile Probation Officers, Adult Probation Officers, Parole Agents, Public Safety Officers, Section 8 Housing Authorities and school officials. Efforts have been concentrated on gang tracking, juvenile intervention, truancy, criminal nuisance abatement and training for law enforcement, public safety officials/officers, and community members. Additionally, the DDA tracks cases which includes reviewing police reports by the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies, assisting with investigations and filings and appearing in court to ensure proper handling and disposition of cases.

The DDA has created a protocol for the collection of restitution to the CITY for emergency response costs in driving under the influence and vandalism cases. A process for reimbursement was established involving the courts, DDAs, law enforcement officers, and public safety personnel. Restitution to the CITY has increased significantly. Additionally, the DDA continues to participate in teaching Legal Enrichment and Decision-Making (LEAD) and sits as a member of the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) for the Paramount Unified School District.

**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, Public Defender, Probation and Sheriff's Departments.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Nika Thu, District Attorney's Office, 211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Thu at (213) 257-2802, or at nthu@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
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:** **STRATEGIES AGAINST GANG ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)**  
 The SAGE Program abates street gang violence and narcotics-related activities by utilizing criminal nuisance abatement, forfeiture proceedings, informal interventions, technical assistance and other strategies deemed appropriate by the District Attorney (DA) and the City of Paramount.

<b>Funding Agency</b> City of Paramount	<b>Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)</b> N/A	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b> N/A
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<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$249,801	<b>County Match:</b> 0
<b>Grant Period:</b>	<b>Begin Date:</b> July 1, 2018   <b>End Date:</b> June 30, 2019
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b>	<b>Full Time:</b> <u>1</u>   <b>Part Time:</b> _____

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Department Head Signature**  **Date** 8/4/18