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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

June 14, 2005

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 SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (NIJ), FOR THE 2004 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to sign and accept an $882,399 grant award from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the 2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program.

2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and/or augmentations to said grant should such action(s) be required during the term of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The objective of the 2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program is to search, evaluate, select, and conduct DNA analyses on violent crime "cold cases" (i.e., old, unsolved cases) that have the potential to be solved through DNA testing. Upon review of the Department's application, the NIJ has selected the Department to be a recipient of the 2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program. As a recipient of this grant award, the Department will receive $882,399, with no local match required.

The Sheriff's Department will utilize this grant award to fund overtime for Homicide Bureau staff and Crime Lab staff who are directly engaged in the identification of potential cases, the development and implementation of case strategies to maximize the results of DNA processing, and identifying suspect profiles. The grant funding will pay for overtime and materials to support the examination of DNA evidence and for the outsourcing of DNA evidence to accredited fee-for-service laboratories, which will enable the processing of the cold case evidence requests.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This grant award will enable the Sheriff's Department to meet two (2) of the goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding, the Sheriff's Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal #2: Workforce Excellence, enhancing the quality and productivity of the County workforce, as well as Goal #4: Fiscal Responsibility, strengthening the County's fiscal capacity. This grant award will provide funding to solve some of the Department's cold cases that have a high potential for identification of suspects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The term of the 2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program is for a period of 24 months beginning June 1, 2005, through May 31, 2007. Under this program, the NIJ will provide $882,399 in grant funding to the Department. This amount has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2005-2006 final changes. Under this program, the County is not required to contribute any matching funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter and grant award documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program may create workload increases for the District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender, as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime. On May 24, 2005, the Public Defender responded that the impact on their Department will require two additional Deputy IV and one Investigator II positions. On May 31, 2005, the Alternate Public Defender's Office responded that the impact on their Department will require one additional Deputy IV and one Investigator II positions. The District Attorney indicated verbally that they do

not see any significant impact. The benefit to the County's public safety will far outweigh the additional workload.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, the Sheriff's Department requests four (4) individually adopted copies of this action. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Michelle Day, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5212 and Jana Dillon, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5359.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding $100,000

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description

2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program:

Under this program, the Department will search, evaluate, select, and conduct DNA analyses on violent crime "cold cases" (i.e., old, unsolved cases) that have the potential to be solved through DNA testing. This grant award will fund overtime to Homicide Bureau staff and Crime Lab staff, materials to support the examination of DNA evidence, and the outsourcing of DNA evidence to accredited fee-for-service laboratories.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
National Institute of Justice (NIJ)	Fed. Grant Award #2005-DN-BX-K019	ASAP

Total Amount of Grant Funding: **County Match Requirments:**

Grant Period: 24 months **Begin Date: June 1, 2005** **End Date: May 31, 2007**

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? N/A

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? 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 N/A

b). Identify other revenue sources N/A

(Describe)_____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. N/A

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above: N/A

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 6/1/05