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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

October 11, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) AWARD FOR THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (G.R.E.A.T.) PROGRAM (DISTRICTS 1 & 2) (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 a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in the sum of $38,250, with no local match required, to conduct the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. This authorization includes any subsequent amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations pertaining to said grant award.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The U.S. Department of Justice, BJA, has issued a grant award in the amount of $38,250 in response to an application submitted for the G.R.E.A.T. Program. This funding will enable the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to obtain appropriate and necessary training to provide instruction to students regarding the dangers of gang activity and involvement. The targeted youth for this program are students within the Shively, El Sereno, Lynwood, and Lennox Middle Schools.

Implementation of Strategic Plan

The grant program conforms to the Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding source, the Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal #1: Service Excellence, by providing an education to the youth of today about the perils of gang activity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The U.S. Department of Justice, BJA funding, in the sum of $38,250, with no local match required, will pay for overtime, travel, supplies, and G.R.E.A.T. logo items to disseminate to students for their participation in the program. This grant funding has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant award is for the period of July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006. Award documents were received September 2, 2005. The award documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

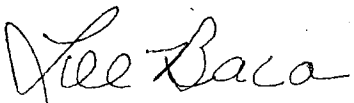
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The funding will have a positive impact on current services, especially within the Department's Operation Safe Streets Bureau. This funding will allow Operation Safe Streets Bureau deputies to provide instruction to students regarding the dangers of gang involvement.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's action, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Michelle Day, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5212, or Jana Dillon, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5359.

Sincerely,



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