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September 5, 2006

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 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT THIRD YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA) FOR THE ABOLISH CHRONIC TRUANCY (ACT) LONG BEACH-PARAMOUNT PROGRAM (4th DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to accept third year Federal Title II grant funds, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, from the State of California CSA in the amount of $200,000 for the ACT Long Beach-Paramount Program covering the period of August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007.

2. Authorize the District Attorney to execute the Grant Award Agreement, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

3. Authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, on behalf of the County, to serve as Project Director for the ACT Long Beach-Paramount Program, and to sign and approve any revisions to the grant award agreement that do not increase the net County cost of the agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District Attorney's Office (DA) has been awarded grant funds from the State CSA in the amount of $200,000 for the ACT program in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts (School Districts). The goal of the ACT Program is to prevent juvenile delinquency and future adult criminality by breaking the cycle of poor school attendance and returning truant children to the schoolroom rather than the courtroom.

A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the funding is required by the State CSA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The focus of this program supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-being, to improve the well-being of children and family in Los Angeles County in the areas of safety and survival, and social and emotional well-being. Acceptance of the grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant award of $200,000 will fully offset program costs. Funding for this program was included in the DA's 2006-07 budget.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant-budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Congress established the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in 1974 to assist communities in addressing the problems of juvenile crime and delinquency. As amended in 2002, the JJDP Act created the Formula Grants Program (Title II, Part B), which supports State and local efforts to prevent/reduce delinquency and to improve the juvenile justice system. ACT is a parental responsibility-based truancy reduction program that works with elementary schools to identify children with problem attendance, contact their parents, and provide supportive assistance to families in an effort to correct school attendance problems before juvenile court action becomes necessary.

The ACT Long Beach – Paramount Program serves 70 elementary schools in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts. An independent outcome assessment of the program has demonstrated that ACT students show a 10 to 11 day attendance improvement at the one year follow up.

From August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, 1,200 youth participated in the ACT Long Beach – Paramount Program. Forty-nine school parent meetings were held, intervening with 664 parents. There were 312 School Attendance Review Team hearings and forty-two SARB hearings.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The ACT 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 Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION:

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for this program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and approved Resolution to Albert Ablaza, Contracts and Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Ablaza at (213) 202-7683 or via e-mail at aablaza@da.co.la.ca.us.

Very truly yours,

Steve Cooley by Mary J Matsumoto

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Accept Grant Award Funds From
The State of California, Corrections Standards Authority
For the Abolish Chronic Truancy
Long Beach/Paramount Program

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is charged with providing vital services in the area of courts, law enforcement, and adult and juvenile justice to a population in excess of ten million persons; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, Office of the District Attorney, is authorized, pursuant to Government Code Section 26500.5, to participate in any project or program to improve the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, acting through its Board of Supervisors, desires continued participation for the third year in such a program entitled the Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT) – Long Beach/Paramount; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) has awarded grant funds to the District Attorney's Office for the ACT – Long Beach/Paramount Program for the period covering August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby approves acceptance of the grant funds in the amount of $200,000 to be used exclusively for the designated program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles agrees not to use the aforementioned grant funds to supplant local expenditures controlled by this body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the District Attorney or his designee to serve as Project Director, on behalf of the County of Los

Angeles, to sign and approve on behalf of the Board of Supervisors the Grant Award Agreement including any extensions or submission of amendments, progress reports, and payment requests thereof;

IT IS AGREED that liability arising out of the performance this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. It is recognized that the State of California, CSA disclaims any responsibility for any such liability;

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a regular meeting on the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the _____ day of _____, 2006, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this _____ day of _____, 2006.

County of Los Angeles

by_____
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

SACHI A. HAMAI,
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

By_____

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

Department: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Grant Project Title and Description

The Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT) Long Beach-Paramount program will serve 70 elementary schools in the Long Beach, Paramount, Los Nietos, and Little Lake School Districts. The goal of the ACT program is to prevent juvenile delinquency and future adult criminality by breaking the cycle of poor school attendance and returning children to the schoolroom rather than the courtroom.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State of California Corrections Standards Authority	CSA 327-06	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $200,000 **County Match:** $0

Grant Period: 8/1/06-7/31/07 **Begin Date:** August 1, 2006 **End Date:** July 31, 2007

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time** 2 **PartTime** _

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:

Department Head Signature Steve Cooley by Manuel Matsumoto **Date** 8/22/06