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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:

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT NINTH-YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE STALKING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006-07 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funding for STAT from OES in the amount of $180,000, with a required 25 percent match of $60,000 for a total program cost of $240,000. The grant period covers July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not increase the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In 1998, the STAT was created to respond to the rising number of stalking and criminal threat cases through vertical prosecution. Prior to the creation of STAT, there was no centralized unit within the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) dedicated to the vertical prosecution of these very serious cases.

As required by the OES grant award agreement, we are requesting Board approval for grant award acceptance for FY 2006-07.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the State level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for this program was included in the Department's 2006-07 budget. The estimated program cost for FY 2006-07 is $353,763. The grant award is $180,000 with a required 25 percent match in the amount $60,000. The District Attorney's Office will absorb the match plus $113,763 which exceeds the award amount.

STAT grant-funded positions include one Deputy District Attorney and one Senior Investigator at 26.726%.

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

The STAT program has been funded for the past eight years through federal Violence Against Women Act funds awarded to the State of California. In 2005, LADA led the nation in prosecuting stalking crimes. LADA has extensive experience in the prosecution of all types of stalking crimes including use of the Internet (cyberstalking), and recently prosecuted the first documented case of stalking via Global Positioning Satellite transmissions. STAT uses appropriate legal tools to protect stalking victims including seeking upward bail deviations, criminal protective orders and maximum penalties upon conviction. STAT coordinates efforts with local law enforcement agencies, victim services providers and courts throughout the county and participates in frequent cross-training with specialized law enforcement stalking investigation units. In FY 2005-06; 66 defendants with new cases were referred to STAT and 11 cases were filed and vertically prosecuted using these federal funds.

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

CONCLUSION:

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for the program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Unit, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Very truly yours,

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

Department:	District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description	**STALKING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT)**

The District Attorney's Stalking and Threat Assessment Team (STAT) handles felony and misdemeanor stalking cases throughout the county. STAT coordinates their efforts with local law enforcement agencies, victim services providers and the courts. STAT participates in frequent cross-training with specialized law enforcement stalking investigation units as well as in-house training. STAT uses appropriate legal tools to protect stalking victims including seeking upward bail deviations, criminal protective orders and maximum penalties upon conviction.

Funding Agency	**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State Office of Emergency Services (OES)	CFDA # 16.588 Violence Against Women Formula Grants	

Total Amount of Grant Funding:	**$180,000**	**County Match:**	**$60,000**
Grant Period:	**2006-07**	**Begin Date:** July 1, 2006	**End Date:** June 30, 2007
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:		**Full Time:** 1	**Part Time** 1

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 S.L.C. **Date** 1/8/07