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Sheriff's Department Headquarters
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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

April 10, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) AND REQUEST THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION FORM (5TH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to submit a grant application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) in the amount of $500,000 for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression (AV-GVS) Program.

2. Request the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to provide a wet signature on the following grant application document: Certification of Assurance of Compliance form (Attachment).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State's OES is requesting an application for grant funds for the Gang Violence Suppression (GVS) multi-component program. The application requires the Chair of the Board of Supervisors' signature on the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form.

The AV-GVS Program requires the collaborative efforts between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, United Community Action Network (UCAN), and the Antelope Valley Union

High School District (AVUHSD). All five (5) components, bound by an operational agreement, will collaborate efforts to reduce gang violence in the Antelope Valley area and to divert dangerous gang activity into more constructive behavior. The Department will be the lead agency. The Department's GVS Program has applied and received grant funding for the past nine (9) years.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The AV-GVS Program, a multi-component effort directed at eliminating the prevalence of gang violence and gang activity throughout the Antelope Valley area, meets the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan Goal 6: Community Services, and Goal 8: Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant period will be for twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008. A ten percent local cash or in-kind match of the State funding, totaling $50,000, will be required for this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State's OES requires that the Certification of Assurance of Compliance be signed by the County's Governing Body. This letter is requesting that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors sign the attached certification for submission to OES.

This Board letter and the Certification of Assurance of Compliance have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Grant funding from the OES will be utilized to reduce gang violence in the Antelope Valley. The Department's Operation Safe Streets Bureau will provide a specially-trained gang sergeant to focus on the gang problems in the Antelope Valley as the in-kind contribution. The sergeant will supervise the Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit, which will conduct gang, probation/parole, and truancy sweeps, and other operations related to gang suppression efforts, on a grant-funded overtime basis. This unit identifies gang members and gang-related activities, apprehends offenders, and works in conjunction with the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office for successful prosecution and post incarceration supervision.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will provide a full-time, trained, and experienced deputy district attorney, fully funded by the grant, from its Hardcore Gang Division, to vertically prosecute gang and gang-related crimes in the target community. The deputy district attorney will assist in the identification of juveniles at risk of gang activities, collaboratively examine specific gang-related community problems in the Antelope Valley, and provide specialized prosecution of gang and gang-related crimes in the targeted areas. The Probation Department will provide a deputy probation officer (DPO), partially funded by the grant, for gang prevention and suppression services to the grant program. The DPO will deliver delinquency prevention services to first-time offenders involved with gangs or drugs by providing positive alternatives, networking with various community groups, and providing supervision. The Public Defender's and the Alternate Public Defender's Offices have determined that this project will have minimal impact on their current services.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's action, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter and one (1) originally executed copy of the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form to the Department's Grants Unit. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Deryl Trotter, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5153.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: County of Los Angeles

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROJECT TITLE: Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression Program

is responsible for reviewing the *Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity - *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2151)*

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Darrell B. Bolin Jr.

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5612

Email: dbolin@lasd.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 - *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)*

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEAQrequirements.

IV. Lobbying - (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2154)*

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension - *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2155)*

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility (with an original signature) for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization (in accordence with: *Government Code, Section 25103)* from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Lee Baca

Authorized Official's Name: (print) Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: Sheriff

Date Executed: 3/28/07

Federal ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: County of Los Angeles

AUTHORIZED BY: (Not Applicable to State Agencies)

- City/County Financial Officer, or
- City Manager, or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Name: (print) Zev Yaroslavsky

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors