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June 5, 2007

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 APPLY FOR FIRST YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE SIX CITIES COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY (CLEAR) GRANT – FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-08 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1) Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to submit a grant application to OES for the Six Cities CLEAR (SCC) Program in the amount of $135,000 for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Additional program costs in the amount of $64,000 will be absorbed by the Department.

2) Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the enclosed Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, as required by OES to complete the application.

3) Upon award of grant funding by OES, authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement (GAA). This also includes authorization to serve as project director and to sign and approve any revisions to the GAA that do not increase the net County cost of the agreement.

4) Authorize the District Attorney's Office, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire one Deputy District Attorney III (DDA) position, pending allocation by the Chief Administrative Office.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The U.S. Attorney for the Central District has been awarded Federal funds for a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative in Southeast Los Angeles. The State OES serves as the fiscal agent for this program. As determined by the Initiative's Steering Committee, OES will award the District Attorney's Office $135,000 in FY 2007-08 for the SCC Program. The grant will be used solely for the investigation and prosecution of felony gang crimes in the target area.

OES requires applicants to complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, which includes details regarding an applicant's Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act Compliance, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board. Applicants are required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the GAA.

Board authorization to apply for and accept grant funds is requested in order to comply with OES requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Authorizing the District Attorney to apply for SCC grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by maximizing revenues to offset program costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

It is anticipated that the District Attorney's Office will receive $135,000 for the 2007-08 fiscal year; however, the total program cost is estimated at $199,200. Should the District Attorney be awarded $135,000, the department will absorb the remaining $64,000 in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is providing new funding to combat gang violence in Los Angeles under the Anti-Gang Initiative. DOJ will dedicate $2.5 million to support new and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative in the Central District. This initiative is authorized by H.R. 2862, the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006.

The CLEAR Program aims to significantly reduce gang crime, and to create an effective partnership among criminal justice agencies and the community to combat gang crime. The SCC target area includes three of the largest public housing developments in California: Imperial Courts (498 Units), Jordan Downs (706 Units), and Nickerson Gardens (1,163 Units), each of which serves as the home turf of a particularly violent street gang. Participants in this collaborative effort include the U.S. Attorney for the Central District, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles City Mayor's Office, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Probation Department, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Pursuant to your Board motion of December 15, 1998, the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments have been notified of this request.

The Sheriff's Department determined that this request will have no impact on their services. The Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender believe SCC will impact their workload; however, they are unable to determine the extent of the impact at this time. The Probation Department is a participant in SCC.

CONCLUSION

Following Board authorization to submit an application for this program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to call Ms. Emily Aidells at (213) 202-7674 or Ms. Corina Calixto at (213) 202-7653 to pick up two copies of the adopted Board Letter and one OES Certification of Assurance of Compliance Form, with a wet signature. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at the above number.

Respectfully submitted,

S.L. Cooley

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, STEVE COOLEY 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: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

PROJECT TITLE: SIX CITIES COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY (CLEAR)

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant 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 – (2006 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:

Affirmative Action Officer: JULIE DIXON SILVA

Title: CHIEF, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION

Address: 201 N. FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 1455, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 202-7705

Email: jdsilva@lacountyda.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – *(2006 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) – *(2006 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 CEAQ requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (*2006 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 – *(2006 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 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 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.

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: S.L. Cu

Authorized Official's Typed Name: STEVE COOLEY

Authorized Official's Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Date Executed: 5/17/07

Federal ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

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

Signature: _____

Typed Name: ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Title: CHAIR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description: **Six Cities Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR)**

The objective of this program is to significantly reduce gang crimes in the Southeast area of Los Angeles County (Watts) through a collaborative gang enforcement strategy implemented by the U.S. Attorney for the Central District, Los Angeles County District Attorney, Los Angeles City Mayor's Office, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Probation Department, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The grant will be used solely for the investigation and prosecution of felony gang crimes in the target area.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Office of Emergency Services	CFDA # 16.744 Anti-Gang Initiative	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $135,000* **County Match:** $0
Grant Period: **Begin Date:** July 1, 2007 **End Date:** June 30, 2008
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 1 **Part Time:**

*Anticipated grant award.

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 ✓ No__

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ✓ No __

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes __ 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 Yes __ No ✓

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes __ No ✓
(Describe)_____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ✓ No __

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature S. L. Cor **Date** 5/17/07