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June 19, 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 ACCEPT SECOND GRANT PERIOD FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) PROGRAM (2ND DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funds from OES for the PSN Program in the amount of $229,000 for the period of October 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. There is no required County match for this grant.

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

3. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director for the PSN Program, and to sign and approve any revisions to the GAA that do not increase the net County cost of the Agreement.

4. Approve the attached Budget Adjustment reflecting the total grant award amount of $229,000 to allocate appropriation for this program.

5. Authorize the District Attorney's Office, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire one Deputy District Attorney III (DDA) for the new grant period beginning July 1, 2007, pending allocation by the Chief Administrative Office.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On October 5, 2006, the District Attorney's Office received notification of the federal grant award from OES in the amount of $140,000 for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 for the PSN Program. A request to your Board to accept this funding was not submitted at that time because on October 16, 2006, per OES' instructions, a budget modification request was submitted to extend the PSN grant period to June 30, 2007. This included supplemental grant funding in the amount of $89,000, for a total revised award amount of $229,000 for the period of October 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. OES approval was received May 2, 2007.

Board authorization is required to accept OES grant funds. The delay in requesting Board authorization is due to the department's late receipt of the OES GAA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of the grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by maximizing revenue to offset program costs, and Goals No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being, and No. 8, Public Safety, by improving neighborhood safety in the 77th Street target area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Federal funds in the amount of $229,000 have been awarded to the Los Angeles County District Attorney for the PSN Program for the period of October 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. The total program cost is estimated at $260,000. The department will absorb the remaining program cost of $31,000 in the 2006-07 budget.

This is the second grant award for this program. The District Attorney's Office recently submitted an application for 2007-08 and was selected for funding in the amount of $177,000, therefore, a DDA position is being requested at this time. The attached Budget Adjustment is needed because funding for this program was not included in the department's 2006-07 budget. The amount of $224,000 will be appropriated for Salaries & Employee Benefits and $5,000 will fund appropriate Services & Supplies for the program.

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

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

PSN is a national effort sponsored by the U.S. Attorney to reduce gun crime by linking local programs that target gun crime with State and Federal efforts. PSN fosters coordination among law enforcement agencies with an emphasis on tactical intelligence gathering, vertical prosecution, and enhanced multi-agency efforts to reduce gang and gun violence. The goal of the program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction. In 2002, the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) selected the 77th Street Division of LAPD for enhanced firearm enforcement efforts targeting gang members under PSN.

Beginning in 2003, the District Attorney received PSN funds for the vertical prosecution of gang members who use guns to commit crimes in the target area. The assigned PSN prosecutor concentrates efforts on "gang member with a gun" cases involving a wide range of offenses from murder to drug sales. In 2005, gang crime fell by 32% in 77th Street Area, the largest decrease in the Central Judicial District.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Pursuant to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, the District Attorney has informed the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments of this request.

The Public Defender determined that this request will have an insignificant impact on their services. The Alternate Public Defender believes PSN will have some impact on their workload; however, it can be managed within projected staffing resources. The Sheriff and Probation Departments determined that this request will have no impact on their services.

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 the approved Budget Adjustment to Emily Aidells, Contracts and Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at (213) 202-7674.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

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

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description: Project Safe Neighborhoods Program (PSN)

This program is designed to disarm criminals who use guns and significantly reduce firearm violence in the 77th Street Division of the Los Angeles Police Department through vigorous enforcement and prosecution of existing firearm statutes. The goal of the program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Office of Emergency Services	Grant No. US05D20190	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $229,000 **County Match:** $0
Grant Period: **Begin Date:** October 1, 2005 **End Date:** June 30, 2007
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 1 **Part Time:** 0

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.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature J. Williams for Steve Cooley **Date** 6/6/07

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO. 370

DEPARTMENT OF District Attorney's Office

June 5, 2007 19

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2006-07

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney
Revenue - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) - Federal Grant
A01 - DA - 14030 - 90-90K-9031
Amount - $229,000

USES

District Attorney
Salaries & Employee Benefits
A01 - DA - 14030 - 1000 - 10B
Amount - $224,000

District Attorney
Services & Supplies
A01 - DA - 14030 - 2000
Amount - $5,000

JUSTIFICATION

This Budget Adjustment allocates unanticipated revenue from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PNS) to the District Attorney's Office Appropriations.

Norbert Ruiz, Head
Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 JUN 19 2007

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

No. 270

APPROVED AS REQUESTED AS REVISED

June 06 2007 Jacqueline White
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): 19
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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