STEVE COOLEY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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October 2, 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 THIRD PERIOD FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2007 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2008 (SECOND DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to submit the necessary documents to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to accept grant funds for the PSN Anti-Gang Initiative Vertical Prosecution (AGI-VP) Program in the amount of $135,000 for the period of March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008. There is no required County match for this grant.

2. Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the attached 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. Approve the attached Budget Adjustment reflecting the total grant award amount of $135,000 to allocate appropriation for this Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 12, 2006, the District Attorney's Office (DA) submitted a proposal to the U. S. Attorney's Office for third year PSN AGI-VP grant funds. On June 15, 2007, OES, the fiscal agent for the U.S. Attorney's Office, notified the DA that Anti-Gang Initiative funds in the amount of $135,000 were available for the period of March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008.

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

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

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

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Anti-Gang Initiative funds in the amount of $135,000 have been awarded to the DA for the PSN AGI-VP Program covering the period of March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008. Program costs during this period will be fully offset by the grant award. A fourth grant proposal was submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office on May 11, 2007, which will fully fund the Program for the remainder of the 2007-08 fiscal year. The DA will be requesting your Board's authorization to submit the required OES documentation for the fourth grant period shortly.

Funding for the PSN AGI-VP Program was not included in 2007-08 budget; therefore, a budget adjustment is needed to allocate appropriation for salary and employee benefits in the amount of $135,000.

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 DA 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 the 77th Street Area, the largest decrease in the Central Judicial District.

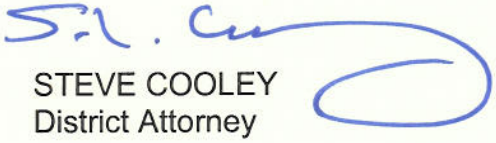
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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 submit an application for this program, the Executive Officer-Clerk 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,



STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office
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: PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE: VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

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 CEQA 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.C

Authorized Official's Typed Name: STEVE COOLEY

Authorized Official's Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Date Executed: 9/11/07

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:

The **Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Vertical Prosecution 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
U.S. Attorney's Office		

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $135,000 **County Match:** $0
Grant Period: **Begin Date:** March 1, 2007 **End Date:** February 28, 2008
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 S. L. Cu **Date** 9/11/07

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 370

August 13, 2007

DEPARTMENT OF District Attorney's Office

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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 2007-2008

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney
Revenue - Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) - Federal Grant
A01 - DA - 14030 - 90-90K-9031
Amount - $135,000

USES

District Attorney
Salaries &
Employee Benefits
A01-DA-14030-1000-10B
Amount - $135,000

JUSTIFICATION

This Budget Adjustment allocates unbudgeted Federal revenue for the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Anti-Gang Initiative Vertical Prosecution Program to the District Attorney's Office Appropriations.

✓ Norbert Ruiz

Norbert Ruiz, Head, Fiscal Services

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ADOPTED
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY Barbara Harshaw

No. 019 Aug. 24, 2007 19

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓ AS REVISED

September 10 2007 19 Jacqueline White

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 19

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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