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

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO OBTAIN EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENTS NOT TO EXCEED $100,000 FROM OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to enter into agreements with local, State and Federal agencies to obtain expenditure reimbursements up to $100,000 per agency, for Los Angeles District Attorney (LADA) expenditures, for a five-year period.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The LADA participates in a variety of specialized prosecution or law enforcement task force programs. From time to time, the LADA is eligible to receive reimbursement for services it provides in conjunction with these activities. Examples of agencies from which the LADA could potentially receive reimbursement include the: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshal's Office, and L.A. IMPACT.

As a condition of receiving reimbursement, these agencies often require the LADA to enter into agreements. These agreements are generally routine, but often require immediate approval to obtain the monies. The availability or amount of a reimbursement is generally unknown until the work is completed.

Rather than seek the Board's authority every time the LADA seeks to pursue reimbursement from these agencies, and to facilitate more efficient collection of all reimbursement monies potentially available to the department, we ask that, for a five-year time period effective upon approval of this request, you delegate authority to the LADA to enter into agreements, once reviewed and approved by County Counsel, for an amount not to exceed $100,000.

This authorization will enable the LADA to seek and receive revenue for program efforts put forth in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

Revenue received from these agreements will partially offset the net cost to the County of Los Angeles for the LADA's participation in the specialized prosecution or task force program.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Participation in specialized prosecution or task force programs supports Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, and Goal No. 8, Public Safety, in collaborating with other local, State, and Federal agencies to address emerging criminal justice issues throughout Los Angeles County. Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, is also supported, in securing a funding source to reimburse the LADA's expenditures incurred for specialized prosecution or law enforcement task force programs that are not currently offset by General Fund dollars.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The LADA included $25,000 in the 2007-08 budget for participation in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Ten thousand dollars may also be made available from the U.S. Marshal's Office.

The agreements authorized by this action will not require appropriation increases as spending authority will have been approved by the Board through the normal budget process for LADA programs.

Each agreement will not exceed revenue of $100,000. The LADA will immediately notify the Board if an agreement is expected to exceed this amount in any given fiscal year.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The LADA often participates in specialized prosecution or task force programs for the purpose of integrating resources and investigative efforts to address emerging criminal justice issues in Los Angeles County.

The LADA may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the work performed in conjunction with these programs, but often requires entering into agreements with local, State, and Federal agencies. Board authorization is required to enter into agreements with outside agencies in order for the LADA to accept revenue for reimbursement of expenditures.

Each agreement will be limited to accepting revenue up to $100,000, and will provide reimbursement for specific types of expenditures such as overtime worked in conjunction with a particular specialized prosecution program, task force or agency.

Each agreement entered into under the authority requested in this Letter will be reviewed by County Counsel prior to entering into the agreement. While the provisions of each agreement will likely vary depending on the agency paying the reimbursement, these agreements are generally routine. Should we determine, after consultation with County Counsel, that the provisions of a particular contract are unusual or potentially problematic, we will present that agreement to your Board for specific approval.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no impact on current services. These programs provide reimbursement which lessens the impact on the County general fund, and provides opportunities for the LADA to enhance the fight on crime through cooperative efforts with partner agencies.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return an adopted copy of this Board letter to Ms. Corina Calixto, Contracts and Grants Section, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Calixto at 213-202-7653 or via email at ccalixto@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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