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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, FOR THE 2009 SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept a grant award in the amount of $350,000 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA. This grant is for a 15-month period from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010. This is the second funding from the 2004 Solving Cold Cases with DNA, which began June 1, 2005, and extended to December 31, 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for Los Angeles County (County), to sign and accept the 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant from NIJ, in the amount of $350,000. The grant period shall be from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010.

2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, modifications, amendments, extensions, and payment requests, which may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The primary objective of NIJ's 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant Program is to provide funding to identify, review, and investigate "violent crime cold cases" that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. In meeting this objective, the Department will utilize the grant funds for overtime by the Department's Homicide Bureau and Crime Laboratory personnel, who are directly engaged in the identification of potential cases, the development and implementation of case strategies to maximize the results of DNA processing, and identifying suspect profiles. Grant funding will also pay for the outsourcing of DNA evidence to accredited fee-for-service laboratories and to upgrade the existing cold case database.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This grant award will enable the Department to meet the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, by solving cold cases that have a high potential for identification of suspects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This continuing grant award is for $350,000 with no local match required. Funding for this program has been included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program may create workload increases for the District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender, as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please return two adopted copies of this action to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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

Department: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Grant Project Title and Description: 2009 Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program

Under this program, the Department will identify, review, and investigate violent crime cold cases that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases. This grant award will fund for overtime to Homicide Bureau and Crime Laboratory personnel, the outsourcing of DNA evidence to accredited fee-for-service laboratories and to upgrade the existing cold case database.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
The U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice	2009-DN-BX-K006	ASAP

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $350,000 **County Match:** None
Grant Period: 18-Months **Begin Date:** July 1, 2009 **End Date:** December 31, 2010
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 0 **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 ___ No X

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: N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above: N/A

Department Head Signature Leroy D. Baca **Date** 10-19-09