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

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR FUTURE GRANT
FUNDING AND TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED
GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) to apply to Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, for grant funding as such funding becomes available in current and future fiscal years. The recommended action will allow the Department to meet required deadlines for submission of grant applications, certifications, and assurances for grant opportunities. In the event the Department is selected for a potential grant award, the Department would return to the Board to request delegated authority to accept and execute the award documents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to apply and submit grant applications to Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities, for grant programs in the current and future fiscal years, and to execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future funding becomes available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department currently applies for and receives grant funding from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as private entities. This alternate funding for various projects and programs affords the Department resources to perform tasks that may not normally be fiscally viable. The Department ensures that all granting agencies fiscal and accounting requirements are met.

As required by the County Grants Manual, the Department shall obtain Board approval to apply for various grants, and when selected for a potential grant award, the Department seeks Board approval and authorization to accept the grant funding. The current procedure for requesting Board approval requires a minimum of six weeks. Meanwhile, the filing period to submit grant applications may be as little as four weeks. The Department has found itself in the position of having little or no time to review the grant requirements, solicit interest from Department units, form a grant proposal, complete the necessary grant application documents, prepare a Board letter, and have that letter reviewed by County Counsel, before the deadline for the Public Safety Cluster Agenda Review (CAR) meeting. Consequently, the Department has had to forgo applying for certain grant opportunities.

The purpose of the recommended action is to delegate authority to the Sheriff to apply for grants on behalf of the County. This would allow the Department to fund worthwhile projects or services not otherwise supported in the Department's budget. Acceptance of a grant award, if potential funding is offered to the Department, will still require Board approval and authorization to execute the grant award agreements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service. These modifications to the grant process would allow the Department to increase services benefitting the public through improved efficiencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended action will have no fiscal impact. If selected for a grant award, the Department will seek approval from the Board to accept and execute the grant award documents, addressing any fiscal impact of the particular grant award in the accompanying Board letter.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County Grants Manual, Chapter 3, Section I, states that "all applications" that require a "duly authorized" signature must be approved by the Board prior to submittal of the application." Should the recommended action be approved, the Department would be allowed to apply for grants that would fund various programs that may not otherwise be fiscally viable.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will have no impact on current services. However, there is potential positive impact on future services by allowing the Department the opportunity to apply for grant resources that would fund valuable projects or services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

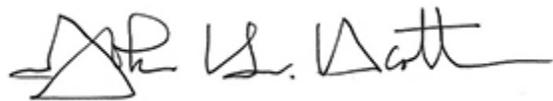
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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

JOHN L. SCOTT

Sheriff

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