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January 20, 2015

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 ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) FOR THE COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATIONS (CDI) PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-15 THROUGH FY 2018-19 AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2014-15 (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has awarded the District Attorney's Office (DA) additional funds in the amount of \$7,785,437 for the Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) Project, for a base period (seven months) and four option years running from September 26, 2014 through April 25, 2019. Approval of Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$964,000 is requested.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney (DA) to accept additional grant funds for the CDI-SSA Project in the amount of \$733,673 for a base period of September 26, 2014 to April 25, 2015, \$1,277,037 for the first option year of April 26, 2015 to April 25, 2016, and \$1,924,909 per year for three option years running from April 26, 2016 to April 25, 2019, for a total of \$7,785,437. There is no required County match for this grant.
2. Delegate authority to the DA or her designee to accept and execute the Contract Agreement and serve as Project Director for the project. This also includes authorization to accept continued funding for the option years one through four, approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to the CDI-SSA contract that do not increase the Net County Cost of the Project.
3. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$964,000 to allocate FY 2014-15

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 January 20, 2015


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

additional funding for the CDI-SSA Project which includes full funding for the salary and benefits, mileage costs, travel, training and parking fees of additional four Bureau Investigators (one Sergeant, DA and three Senior Investigators).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since September 26, 2011, the SSA has contracted with the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation (Bureau) for the services of two Senior Investigators. On July 21, 2014, the SSA issued a Request for Quotation for the services of additional Bureau Investigators for a base period and four option years running from September 26, 2014, through April 25, 2019. The primary mission of the CDI-SSA Project is to obtain evidence that can resolve questions of fraud before benefits are ever paid. The DA submitted a Quotation to SSA on September 30, 2014, which was accepted.

The Request for Appropriation Adjustment is needed in order to align the FY 2014-15 DA's budget with the full amount awarded to CDI-SSA Project. This amount represents the difference between the grant award of \$1,339,000 and the \$375,000 that was included in the District Attorney's FY 2014-15 Final Adopted Budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability: maximize the effectiveness of the processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services, and Strategic Plan Goal No. 3, Integrated Services Delivery: maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total funding awarded to the CDI-SSA Project is \$733,673 for the base period of September 26, 2014 to April 25, 2015, \$1,277,037 for the first option year of April 26, 2015 to April 25, 2016, and \$1,924,909 per year for three option years from April 26, 2016 to April 25, 2019.

In base period and the first option year, the DA assigned a Sergeant, DA in place of a Senior Investigator to ensure exceptional supervisory and investigative skill and quality professional work product. As a result, there is a Net County Cost of \$23,240 which represents the difference between the salaries of a Sergeant, DA and Senior Investigator.

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

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Social Security Administration (SSA) established the Cooperative Disability Investigations Project (CDI) in 1998. The goal of the CDI is to effectively pool federal and local resources and expertise to prevent fraud in SSA disability programs administered under Title II (Old Age, Survivor, and Disability Insurance Benefits) and Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled) of the Social Security Act. Currently, CDI consists of 27 units in 23 states. In Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 the CDI Project reported \$336.5 million in projected savings to SSA's disability programs. Since its inception through September 2014, the CDI efforts have resulted in \$2.8 billion in projected savings to SSA's disability programs and \$1.9 billion in projected savings to non-SSA programs.

On September 30, 2014, the DA entered into a contract with SSA and has been awarded funding for the CDI-SSA Project for the base period of September 26, 2014 to April 25, 2015, and four option years from April 26, 2015 to April 25, 2019.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the DA 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

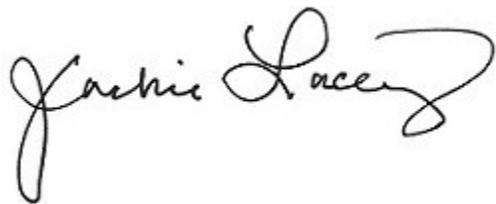
Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter to Emily Aidells, District Attorney's Office, 201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at (213) 202-7674.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

1/20/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Lacey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

JACKIE LACEY

District Attorney

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DEPT'S. NO. 370

December 2, 2014

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2014-15

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 90 - 9031 - 14030
Federal Grants \$964,000
Increase Revenue

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 1000 - 14030
Salaries and Employee Benefits \$964,000
Increase Appropriation

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 964,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 964,000

JUSTIFICATION

The appropriation adjustment reflects the additional Federal grant funds from the Social Security Administration (SSA) for the District Attorney's (DA) Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) Project. This appropriation adjustment is needed in order to align the Fiscal Year 2014-15 DA's budget with the full amount awarded to the CDI-SSA Project. The additional grant funds will enable the DA's SSA-CDI Team to expand its program to obtain evidence that can resolve questions of fraud before disability benefits are paid.

ADOPTED
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Norbert Ruiz, Chief, Budget & Fiscal Services Div.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

25 JAN 20 2015

PATRICK O'NEILL
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ...

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RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY [Signature]
December 5 20 14

