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October 05, 2010

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010  
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED AWARDS, RAPE KIT  
BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of \$1 million from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Congressionally Directed Awards, Rape Kit Reduction Program (Program).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept NIJ's Program grant award from NIJ for FY 2010-11 in the amount of \$1 million, with no matching funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute and submit all grant documents, including applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.
3. Authorize, under the provisions of County Code Section 6.06.020 ordinance for the authority, for the additional positions of two criminalists to be formally established as part of the Department's FY 2010-11 budget and throughout the grant period.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The objectives of NIJ's Program is to assist awarded agencies and/or jurisdictions with reducing their backlogged sexual assault kits DNA analysis and improving their existing crime laboratory infrastructure. To successfully achieve the objective of this Program, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will use the grant funds to hire two additional criminalist positions, who will be directly engaged in handling, screening, analysis, report review, and Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) entry of DNA evidence from sexual assaults. Funds will also be used to purchase new laboratory equipment and instrumentation, and to hire a consultant in the development of a new software program.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 5, Public Safety. With the grant funds being directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operations of its Crime Lab, the Department will be given the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently, as well as maintain the safety and security of the residents of the County.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The term of the 2010 Congressionally Directed Awards Program is for a period of 36 months from October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2013. FY 2010-11 will be funded in the amount of \$1 million (salaries and employee benefits - \$506,872, services and supplies – \$99,140, and equipment – \$393,988) and is offset by Federal funds with no local match.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's operational budget for FY 2010-11.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On June 30, 2010, the Department submitted an application in response to NIJ's FY 2010 Congressionally Directed Awards grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, NIJ selected the Department to be an award recipient of \$1 million with no local match required.

The grant period will begin upon Board approval and will be in effect for 36 months, ending on September 30, 2013.

This Board letter has been reviewed as to form by County Counsel.

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

The program may create a workload increase for the County's Justice Department as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime. The Department has made contact with each of the County Justice Departments.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving the capacity to analyze DNA.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA  
Sheriff

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Enclosures

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

**Grant Project Title and Description:** Rape Kit Backlog Reduction Program

This funding will be used to reduce the Department's previous sexual assault kit backlog and prevent future backlog.

<b>Funding Agency</b> National Institute of Justice	<b>Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)</b> 2010-DD-BX-K013	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b>
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<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$1,000,000	<b>County Match Requirements:</b> 0
<b>Grant Period:</b> 10/01/2010 -09/30/2013	<b>Begin Date:</b> 10/01/2010 <b>End Date:</b> 09/30/2013
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b> 0	<b>Full Time</b> 0 <b>Part Time</b> 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?      N/A

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?      N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?      No

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      No

b). Identify other revenue sources      No

(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.      Yes

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:** None

**Other requirements not mentioned above:** None

**Department Head Signature**

*Lee Baca*

**Date**

9/11/10