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Contract Number
23-1195 A 1

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District Attorney

Department Contract Representative	<u>Claudia Walker</u>
Telephone Number	<u>(909) 382-7689</u>
Contractor	<u>California Department of Insurance</u>
Contractor Representative	<u>Sara Marshall, Program Analyst</u>
Telephone Number	<u>(916) 854-5818</u>
Contract Term	<u>July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024</u>
Original Contract Amount	<u>\$777,869</u>
Amendment Amount	<u>\$59,129</u>
Total Contract Amount	<u>\$836,998</u>
Cost Center	<u>4500002670</u>

Briefly describe the general nature of the contract:

Section 1872.8 of the California Insurance Code and California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.65 authorize the State Insurance Commissioner to distribute funds assessed against insurers, for investigation and prosecution of Automobile Insurance Fraud Cases. These assessed funds represent a percentage of total insurance premiums collected by automobile insurance companies in the State.

The Grant Award Amendment increases the award by an additional \$59,129 for a total award of \$836,998, which will support the Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program for 2023-24.

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Approved as to Legal Form

Richard Luczak, Deputy County Counsel

Date 4/11/2024

Reviewed for Contract Compliance

Date _____

Reviewed/Approved by Department

Jason Anderson, District Attorney

Date 4/11/24



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Jason Anderson
District Attorney
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
303 West Third St., Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Additional Funding**

Dear District Attorney Anderson:

I am pleased to report there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Year-End Balance in the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$1,109,000**, of which an additional **\$59,129** will be awarded to **San Bernardino County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used in FY 2023-24 for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system. Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a priority. Should you anticipate not being able to spend these funds in FY 2023-24, please email LAU@insurance.ca.gov to decline your additional award. Declined funds will become part of the FY 2024-25 available funds.

Please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Felicia Lieb at (916) 854-5766 should you have any questions regarding your amended award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

George Mueller
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

cc: William Lee, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Claudia Walker, Administration Chief

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT of Additional Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California hereby makes an amendment to the award of funds to **San Bernardino County**, Office of the District Attorney, in the amount and for the purpose and duration set forth in this grant award.

This grant award consists of this agreement and the application for the grant and made a part hereof. By acceptance of the grant award, the grant award recipient agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations and the grant application.

Duration of Amended Grant: The grant award is for the program period **July 1, 2023** through **June 30, 2024**.

Purpose of Amended Grant: This grant award is made pursuant to the provisions of California Insurance Code §1872.8 and shall be used solely for the purposes of enhanced investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud and economic car theft cases.

Amount of Amended Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$836,998** which is an increase of **\$59,129** above the initial funding amount. This amount has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner. However, the actual total award amount for the county is contingent on the collection and the authorization for expenditure pursuant to the Government Code §13000 et seq. The grant award shall be distributed pursuant to §1872.8 of the Insurance Code and to the California Code of Regulations Sub-Chapter 9, Article 4, §2698.65.

<p>Jason Anderson District Attorney</p> <p>DocuSigned by: <i>William Lee</i> 2328719AFF984AA... Authorized Official</p> <p>Name: William Lee Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney</p> <p>Date: <u>4/15/2024</u></p>	<p>RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>DocuSigned by: <i>George Mueller</i> 64CCDC759E104DB... Authorized Official</p> <p>Name: George Mueller Title: Deputy Commissioner</p> <p>Date: <u>5/9/2024</u></p>
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I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure.

DocuSigned by:
Crista Hill
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Crista Hill, Division Chief/Budget Officer,
Financial and Business Management Division, CDI

5/10/2024
Date

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

3/13/2024

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET
A. Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits	
All program salary and benefit rates are per the Attorney, Safety, and General current Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Bernardino.	
1.0 FTE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV	198,819
2.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	319,059
1.0 FTE SECRETARY I	37,873
TOTAL SALARIES	555,751
BENEFITS FOR 4.0 FTE EMPLOYEES FOR ONE YEAR:	
1.0 FTE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV Indemnification Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan Life Insurance Medical Insurance Retirement Short-term Disability Social Security Medicare Survivor's Benefits Vision Care Workers' Compensation	66,855
2.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR Indemnification Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan Long-Term Disability Medical Insurance Retirement Social Security Medicare Uniform Allowance Vision Care Workers' Compensation	194,080
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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET
A. Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits	
All program salary and benefit rates are per the general employees current Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Bernardino.	
1.0 FTE SECRETARY I	20,312
Indemnification	
Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan	
Life Insurance	
Retirement	
Short-Term Disability	
Social Security Medicare	
Survivor's Benefits	
Vision Care	
Workers' Compensation	
TOTAL BENEFITS	281,247
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	836,998

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3/13/2024

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET
B. Operating Expenses	
OFFICE EXPENSE Consumable office supplies necessary to administer and run program.	-
AUDIT ALLOWANCE Financial and compliance audit per guidelines.	-
MOTOR POOL 1 full-size sedan 2,000 mi x .60 mile x 12 months	-
1 SUV 2,000 mi x .65 per mile x 12 months	
Removed future replacement charge	
All vehicle mileage charges are established by San Bernardino County Fleet Services and approved by the Board of Supervisors for fiscal year 2023-24 during the budget cycle. The department has no control over the per mile charge for vehicles.	
COMMUNICATIONS Communication services and long distance expenses necessary to administer and run program.	-
MEMBERSHIP \$740 x 1 attorney \$100 x 2 investigators Allowance for membership per Memorandum of Understanding and miscellaneous memberships	-
TRAINING Tuition costs & registration fees for Automobile Insurance Fraud training.	-
DATA PROCESSING County mandated charges for ISD services.	-
TOTAL	CONT'D

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B. Operating Expenses	
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS Legal updates and publications pertaining to Automobile Insurance Fraud	-
OTHER TRAVEL Hotels, meals & travel for training, seminars and meetings for investigative and prosecution staff.	-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Expert witnesses to conduct evaluations and provide expert testimony in the courtroom.	-
NON-INVENTORIAL EQUIPMENT To replace office equipment necessary to administer and run the Automobile Insurance Fraud program efficiently.	-
PRINTING SERVICES Request based on program needs including quick copy costs, printed envelopes and forms.	-
PRIVATE MILEAGE Reimburse for use of private vehicle for Auto Insurance Fraud program meetings, court proceedings and training. 500 miles x 0.585 per mile	-
INSURANCE County charges for general liability, auto liability and other insurance requirements.	-
POSTAGE	-
INDIRECT EXPENSES	-
TOTAL	-

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET
C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	0
PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET	836,998
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	0