



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 Workers' Compensation 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 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$1,737,000**, of which an additional **\$110,026** 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 workers' compensation insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others. 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 workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

George Mueller

Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

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

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT
of Additional Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24
Workers' Compensation 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 Section 1872.83 and shall be used solely for the purposes of enhanced investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud cases.

Amount of Amended Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$3,004,452** which is an increase of **\$110,026** above the initial funding amount. This amount has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Fraud Assessment Commission based on the estimated funds collected pursuant to Section 62.6 of the Labor Code. However, the actual total award amount for the county is contingent on the collection of assessments and the authorization for expenditure pursuant to Government Code Section 13000 et seq. The grant award shall be distributed pursuant to Section 1872.83 of the Insurance Code and the California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 3, Sections 2698.53, 2698.54, and 2698.57.

Jason Anderson District Attorney Authorized Official Name: William Lee Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney Date: _____	RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner Authorized Official Name: George Mueller Title: Deputy Commissioner Date: _____
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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.

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

Date

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

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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 Attorney, Peace Officer and General employees current Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Bernardino.		
3.0 FTE	DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV	602,575
6.0 FTE	SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	897,343
.85 FTE	SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR	158,241
1.0 FTE	SECRETARY I	50,766
TOTAL SALARIES		1,708,925
BENEFITS FOR 10.85 FTE EMPLOYEES FOR ONE YEAR:		
3.0 FTE	DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV Retirement Survivor's Benefits Indemnification Vision Care Short-term Disability Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan	251,006
6.0 FTE	SENIOR INVESTIGATOR Uniform Retirement Indemnification Long-Term Disability Vision Care Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan	695,411
TOTAL		CONT'D

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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.		
.85 FTE SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR Uniform Retirement Indemnification Long-Term Disability Vision Care Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan		129,758
1.0 FTE SECRETARY Retirement Survivor's Benefits Indemnification Vision Care Short-Term Disability Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan		23,860
TOTAL BENEFITS		1,100,035
TOTAL	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,808,960

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B. Operating Expenses	
OFFICE EXPENSE Consumable office supplies necessary to administer and run program. Includes postage stamps, software and meeting supplies.	4,000
AUDIT ALLOWANCE Financial and compliance audit per guidelines.	3,575
MOTOR POOL 5 full-size sedans \$78/mo x 12 mo. x 5 vehicles 1,000 mi x .65/mi x 12 mo. x 5 vehicles 2 mid-size SUV's \$78/mo x 12 mo x 2 vehicles 1,000 mi x .65/mi x 12 mo. x 2 vehicles Does not include future replacement charges. 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.	62,832
PUBLIC OUTREACH Costs for public transit advertisements, billboard, posters, flyers, etc.	75,000
COMMUNICATIONS Communication services and long distance expenses necessary to administer and run program.	-
MEMBERSHIP Allowance for memberships in organizations that provide a network for obtaining new cases.	5,000
TRAINING Registration for training personnel on the Workers' Comp. Fraud system and the investigation and prosecution of Fraud.	7,500
TOTAL	CONT'D

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B. Operating Expenses cont'd	
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS Legal updates and publications pertaining to Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud.	3,000
OTHER TRAVEL Hotels, meals & travel for training, seminars and meetings for investigative and prosecution staff. All travel is within California.	8,969
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Expert Forensic Accounting Services and witnesses to conduct evaluations and provide expert testimony in the courtroom.	10,466
NON-INVENTORIAL EQUIPMENT To replace office equipment necessary to administer and run the Workers' Compensation program efficiently.	15,000
PRINTING SERVICES Request based on program needs including quick copy costs, printed envelopes and forms. Publication of outreach materials.	-
PRIVATE MILEAGE Reimburse for use of private vehicle for Workers' Compensation program meetings, court proceedings and training. 2,500 miles x 0.67 per mile	-
POSTAGE	150
DATA PROCESSING County mandated charges for ISD services.	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	195,492

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C. Equipment	AMENDED BUDGET
CATEGORY TOTAL	-
PROGRAM BUDGET	3,004,452
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	-