

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT
Fiscal Year 2024-25
Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California hereby makes an 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 Grant: The grant award is for the program period, **July 1, 2024** through **June 30, 2025**.

Purpose of 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 Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$812,128**. 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> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <p>Authorized Official</p> <p>Name: William Lee Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 10px 0;"/> <p>Authorized Official</p> <p>Name: Crista Hill Title: Division Chief, Financial and Business Management Division</p> <p>Date: _____</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.

Megan Clarke, Chief Budget Officer,
Financial and Business Management Division

Date



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

September 6, 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 2024-25

Dear District Attorney Anderson:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **San Bernardino County** has been awarded **\$812,128** for this important Program. This grant award shall be used for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation for this Program is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate automobile insurance fraud across California. It is also 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 of mine.

Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Deputy Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5000 should you have any questions regarding your award. The Local Assistance Unit will reach out to you regarding your budget approvals in the post award system.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: William Lee, Chief Deputy District Attorney

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2024-25 AWARDED 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	176,926
2.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	261,097
1.0 FTE SECRETARY I	46,981
TOTAL SALARIES	485,004
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	76,078
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	220,508
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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2024-25 AWARDED 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 Indemnification Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan Life Insurance Retirement Short-Term Disability Social Security Medicare Survivor's Benefits Vision Care Workers' Compensation	30,538
TOTAL BENEFITS	327,124
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	812,128

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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 \$78/mo x 12 mo.	-
1SUV 2,000 mi x .65 per mile x 12 months \$78/mo x 12 mo.	
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.	
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.	-
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.	-
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.	-
INDIRECT EXPENSES	-
TOTAL	-

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9/19/2024

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2024-25 AWARDED BUDGET
C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	0
PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET	812,128
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	0