



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 the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Additional Funding

Dear District Attorney Anderson:

I am pleased to report there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Year-End Balance in the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$783,000**, of which an additional **\$51,994** 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 organized 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 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. 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 organized automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Mueller".

George Mueller
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

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

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT
of Additional Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24
Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (Urban Grant)

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 amended grant award consists of this agreement and the application for the grant and made a part hereof. This also incorporates, by reference, the grantee's original application for funding as supplemented and/or modified by the conditions to this agreement. 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 1874.8; the emergency regulations adopted pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 1874.81, and shall be used solely for the purposes of prosecuting and eliminating organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

Amount of Amended Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$506,264** which is an increase of **\$51,994** 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 Government Code Section 13000 et seq. The grant award shall be distributed pursuant to Section 1874.8 of the Insurance Code and by the California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 5, Section 2698.73.

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

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

Date

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
 ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY
 INTERDICTION PROGRAM (URBAN GRANT)**

3/14/2024

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 general employees current Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Bernardino.	
1.0 FTE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV	199,619
1.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	147,038
TOTAL SALARIES	346,657
BENEFITS FOR 2.0 FTE EMPLOYEES FOR ONE YEAR:	
1.0 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 Medical Insurance	75,356
1.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR Retirement Survivor's Benefits Indemnification Vision Care Short-term Disability Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan Medical Insurance	84,251
TOTAL BENEFITS	159,607
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	506,264

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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.	-
COMMUNICATIONS Communication services and long distance expenses necessary to administer and run program.	-
MEMBERSHIP Allowance for membership per Memorandum of Understanding.	-
TRAINING Tuition costs & registration fees for unit training.	-
DATA PROCESSING County mandated charges for ISD services.	-
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS Legal updates and publications pertaining unit.	-
OTHER TRAVEL Funds for travel to trainings, seminars and meetings for unit.	-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Charges for online research. County mandated charges for ISD services.	-
TOTAL	CONT'D

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B. Operating Expenses cont'd	
RENTS/LEASES EQUIPMENT Computers	-
NON-INVENTORIAL EQUIPMENT To replace office equipment necessary to administer and run the Urban program efficiently.	-
PRINTING SERVICES Request based on program needs including quick copy costs, printed envelopes and forms.	-
PRIVATE MILEAGE Reimburse for use of personal vehicle.	-
INSURANCE County charges for general liability, auto liability and other insurance requirements.	-
FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS Forensic computer upgrades, hard drives for imaging, supplies and software upgrades	-
COMMUNITY OUTREACH Advertising & related materials	-
INDIRECT EXPENSES	-
AIR TRAVEL Airline charges for personnel attending trainings	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	-

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C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	-
PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET	506,264
ADDITIONAL FUNDING TOTAL	51,994
INTEREST TOTAL	-