



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

September 16, 2020

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 2020-2021**

Dear District Attorney Anderson:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **San Bernardino County** has been awarded **\$746,660** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of Automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation 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.

Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed with consideration given to the goals and objectives set by me earlier this year. It is my 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, your office should endeavor to prioritize the establishment of an aggressive outreach program with measurable outcomes that reaches all communities, including those that are diverse and underserved. Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding.

Please feel free to contact Fraud Division Chief Eric Charlick at (559) 440-5922 if you want to discuss your application and award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Robert P. Brown, Chief Deputy District Attorney

White, Karen

From: Brown, Robert - DA
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Walker, Claudia; White, Karen; Medina, Malina
Subject: FW: FY 2020-21 GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT - Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Attachments: GAA Auto 20-21 San Bernardino.pdf

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From: Local Assistance Unit <LocalAssistanceUnit@insurance.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Brown, Robert - DA <RBrown@sbcda.org>; Walker, Claudia <CWalker@sbcda.org>
Subject: FY 2020-21 GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT - Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

The process for the Grant Award Agreements has changed. Please read and follow these instructions.

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT: AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM

Attached to this email is your Grant Award Agreement (GAA) for signature. You will NOT receive a paper copy in the mail.

Please have the official, designated in the Resolution from the Board of Supervisors, sign and date 2 copies of the GAA and return to the CDI Local Assistance Unit by Friday, **October 30, 2020**.

Signature Options (use only one):

- **Digital Signatures:**
 - For FY 2020-2021 certified digital signatures will be accepted.
 - **Acceptable digital signatures are:** Adobe certified signature, Docu-sign, or certified signature from comparable software.
 - Return two (2) digitally signed Grant Award Agreements to LAU@insurance.ca.gov.
- **Paper Signatures:**
 - Print two (2) copies of the attached Grant Award Agreement
 - Obtain an original signature on both
 - Return the two (2) Grant Award Agreements with original signatures to:

CDI Enforcement Branch Headquarters
Local Assistance Unit Manager
2400 Del Paso Road, Suite 250
Sacramento, CA 95834

Once all required signatures are obtained, a fully executed Grant Award Agreement will be returned to the County.

A Resolution from the Board of Supervisors authorizing the applicant to enter into a Grant Award Agreement with the California Department of Insurance (CDI) is required. The Resolution must designate, by title, the official authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement and include a statement accepting liability for the local program. **The Resolution must be received by December 31, 2020.** Grant funds will not be distributed to the award recipient until the Resolution is received and the Grant Award Agreements are fully executed. Sample Resolution wording can be provided upon request.

Sincerely,

Jan Perschler

Janis Perschler
Manager, Local Assistance Unit

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Fiscal Year 2020-21

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 Request-for-Application (RFA).

Duration of Grant: The grant award is for the program period, **July 1, 2020** through **June 30, 2021**.

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 **\$746,660**. 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>Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient</p> <hr/> <p>Name: Jason Anderson Title: District Attorney</p> <p>Address: 303 West Third St., Sixth Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner</p> <hr/> <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, Budget Officer, CDI

Date

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

9/23/2020

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2020-21 AWARD 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	182,711
2.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	265,262
1.0 FTE SECRETARY I	50,239
TOTAL SALARIES	498,212
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	58,155
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	181,838
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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2020-21 AWARD 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	8,455
TOTAL BENEFITS	248,448
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	746,660

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2020-21 AWARD BUDGET
B. Operating Expenses	
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS Legal updates and publications pertaining to Automobile Insurance Fraud	-
OTHER TRAVEL Funds 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 500 miles x .54/mile	-
INSURANCE County charges for general liability, auto liability and other insurance requirements.	-
POSTAGE	-
INDIRECT EXPENSES	-
TOTAL	-

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2020-21 AWARD BUDGET
C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	0
PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET	746,660
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	0