



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

January 5, 2022

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 2021-2022 Additional Funding

Dear District Attorney Anderson:

I am pleased to report that there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 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 **\$50,094** will be awarded to **San Bernardino County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used 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 important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system.

Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Victoria Martinez at (323) 278-5062 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 via email: Mr. Robert P. Brown, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Ms. Claudia Walker, Chief, Bureau of Administration

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From: White, Karen
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Medina, Malina
Cc: Walker, Claudia
Subject: FW: URBAN FY 21-22 Additional Funding Award & Grant Award Amendment
Attachments: URBAN Additional Funding Letter 21-22 - San Bernardino.pdf; URBAN Amended GAA 21-22 San Bernardino.pdf

See additional funding...

From: Brown, Robert - DA <RBrown@sbcda.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Walker, Claudia <CWalker@sbcda.org>; White, Karen <KWhite@sbcda.org>
Cc: Lee, William <WLee@sbcda.org>
Subject: FW: URBAN FY 21-22 Additional Funding Award & Grant Award Amendment

We receive an additional \$50,094 for Urban.

From: Local Assistance Unit <LocalAssistanceUnit@insurance.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Brown, Robert - DA <RBrown@sbcda.org>; Walker, Claudia <CWalker@sbcda.org>
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Hi Robert and Claudia,

CDI is pleased to announce that at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 there was a balance in the Program's Insurance Fraud Account. We have received additional budget authority and are using the pro-rata approach to distribute these funds based on the applications for funding received for FY 2021-22.

Attached is your copy of the Organized Automobile (Urban) FY 2021-22 Additional Funding letter. This letter was mailed to your elected official on January 5, 2022. Also attached is a Grant Award Amendment for the amended amount of your award.

Please read and follow these instructions for the FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Attached to this email is your Grant Award Amendment (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 the GAA and return to the CDI Local Assistance Unit by **Friday, February 4, 2022.**

Signature Options (use only one):

- **Digital Signatures:**
 - Certified digital signatures will be accepted.

- **Acceptable digital signatures are:** Adobe certified signature, Docu-sign, or certified signature from comparable software.
- Return one (1) digitally signed Grant Award Amendments to LAU@insurance.ca.gov.
- **Paper Signatures:**
 - Print two (2) copies of the attached Grant Award Amendment
 - Obtain an original signature on both
 - Return the two (2) Grant Award Amendments 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 Amendment will be returned to the County.

Please review your County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) Resolution to ensure it includes authority to enter into a Grant Award Amendment with the California Department of Insurance (CDI). Grant funds will not be distributed to the award recipient unless a BOS Resolution has been received with the authority to accept the funding and the Grant Award Amendments are fully executed. Sample Resolution wording can be provided upon request.

Thanks,

Jan Perschler

Janis Perschler
Manager, Local Assistance Unit

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**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

of Additional Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22

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 Request-for-Application (RFA).

Duration of Amended Grant: The grant award is for the program period, **July 1, 2021** through **June 30, 2022**.

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 **\$487,763** which is an increase of **\$50,094** 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.

Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient _____ Name: Jason Anderson Title: District Attorney Address: 303 West Third St., Sixth Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415 Date: _____	RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner _____ 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, Fiscal Officer, CDI

Date

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

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2021-22 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	181,444
1.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	146,729
TOTAL SALARIES	328,173
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	78,021
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	81,569
TOTAL BENEFITS	159,590
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	487,763

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ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY
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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL	2021-22 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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ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY
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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL	2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET
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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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET
C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	-
PROJECTED PROGRAM BUDGET	487,763
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	-