



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 6, 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 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Dear District Attorney Anderson,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, a total of \$50,545,239 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 35 District Attorney Offices representing 45 counties, of which **San Bernardino** has been awarded **\$2,753,967** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department staff, in consultation with the California Fraud Assessment Commission. Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with careful consideration given to the applicant's plan to achieve the goals and objectives set by me and the Fraud Assessment Commission earlier this year.

It is my 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 of mine.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Assistant Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5062 should you have any questions regarding your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Robert P. Brown, Chief Deputy District Attorney

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From: Lee, William
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 2:47 PM
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Attachments: Instructions for DocuSign.pdf

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William Lee

From: Local Assistance Unit <LocalAssistanceUnit@insurance.ca.gov>
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Thank you for agreeing to be the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) signer for your county's grant program(s).

You will receive your FY 2022-23 GAA(s) via DocuSign on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The email will come from GMS Admin via DocuSign (dse_NA4@docusign.net). You will not receive a paper copy in the mail.

Please sign the GAA(s) in DocuSign by Friday, January 20, 2023. If you do not sign by this date, the document(s) will no longer be available and you will need to contact LAU.

NOTE: If your elected District Attorney is changing effective January 2023, your county will need a new Delegated Authority Designation (DAD) letter completed by the newly Elected DA unless the designated person signs the GAA(s) on or before Friday, December 30, 2022.

If you have not received the GAA(s) by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 please check your junk/spam folder. If you need assistance, send an email to LAU at LAU@insurance.ca.gov with "GAA Assistance" in the subject line.

After all parties have signed, you will receive an email with a PDF of the fully executed GAA.

Sincerely,

Diana Russell

Manager, Local Assistance Unit
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**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT
Fiscal Year 2022-23
Workers' Compensation 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 program in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and the grant application.

Duration of Grant: The grant award is for the program period **July 1, 2022** through **June 30, 2023**.

Purpose of 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 Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$2,753,967**. 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 §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.

<p>Jason Anderson District Attorney</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Authorized Official</p> <p>Name: William Lee Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>_____</p> <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
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2022-23 AWARD 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	581,338
6.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	856,783
.85 FTE SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR	147,789
1.0 FTE SECRETARY I	47,652
TOTAL SALARIES	1,633,562
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	279,042
6.0 FTE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR Uniform Retirement Indemnification Long-Term Disability Vision Care Social Security Medicare Workers' Compensation Life Insurance Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan	697,876
TOTAL	CONT'D

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2022-23 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.	
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">.85 FTE SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Uniform</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Retirement</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Indemnification</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Long-Term Disability</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Vision Care</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Social Security Medicare</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Workers' Compensation</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Life Insurance</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan</p>	118,231
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">1.0 FTE SECRETARY</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Retirement</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Survivor's Benefits</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Indemnification</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Vision Care</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Short-Term Disability</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Social Security Medicare</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Workers' Compensation</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Life Insurance</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Indemnification Allowance/Cafeteria Plan</p>	25,256
TOTAL BENEFITS	1,120,405
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,753,967

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2022-23 AWARD BUDGET
B. Operating Expenses	
OFFICE EXPENSE Consumable office supplies necessary to administer and run program. Includes postage stamps, software and meeting supplies.	0
AUDIT ALLOWANCE Financial and compliance audit per guidelines.	0
MOTOR POOL 4 hybrid sedans \$282/mo x 12 mo. x 4 vehicles 1,000 mi x .49/mi x 12 mo. x 4 vehicles 2 full-size sedans \$330/mo x 12 mo x 2 vehicles 1,000 mi x .60/mi x 12 mo. x 2 vehicles	-
ADVERTISING COSTS Cost to run ad on public transportation	0
COMMUNICATIONS Communication services and long distance expenses necessary to administer and run program.	0
MEMBERSHIP Allowance for memberships in organizations that provide a network for obtaining new cases.	0
TRAINING Registration for training personnel on the Workers' Comp. Fraud system and the investigation and prosecution of Fraud.	0
TOTAL	CONT'D

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2022-23 AWARD BUDGET
B. Operating Expenses cont'd	
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS Legal updates and publications pertaining to Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud.	0
OTHER TRAVEL Hotels, meals & travel for training, seminars and meetings for investigative and prosecution staff.	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Expert witnesses to conduct evaluations and provide expert testimony in the courtroom.	0
NON-INVENTORIAL EQUIPMENT To replace office equipment necessary to administer and run the Workers' Compensation program efficiently.	0
PRINTING SERVICES Request based on program needs including quick copy costs, printed envelopes and forms. Publication of outreach materials.	0
PRIVATE MILEAGE Reimburse for use of private vehicle for Workers' Compensation program meetings, court proceedings and training. 1,739 miles x 0.56 per mile	0
POSTAGE	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	-

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	2022-23 AWARD BUDGET
C. Equipment	
CATEGORY TOTAL	-
PROGRAM BUDGET	2,753,967
CARRYOVER TOTAL	-
INTEREST TOTAL	-