



San Bernardino County

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

April 6, 2021

FROM

JASON ANDERSON, District Attorney

SUBJECT

Grant Application for the 2021-22 San Bernardino County Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve submission of a grant application to the California Insurance Commissioner in the amount of \$2,806,319 for the San Bernardino County Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Adopt Resolution, as required by the California Insurance Commissioner, authorizing the District Attorney to execute all documents, including any subsequent non-substantive amendments upon review by County Counsel, in relation to the Grant Application.
3. Direct the District Attorney to transmit all documents related to this grant application including any non-substantive amendments, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Michael Fermin, Assistant District Attorney, 382-3662)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the need for additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as the costs of the County's Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program (Program) are fully funded by the grant and matching funds are not required. The \$2,806,319 requested for 2021-22 will be used to fund existing staffing and other Program related costs. Program revenue and offsetting appropriation will be included in the District Attorney's 2021-22 recommended budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1872.83 of the California Insurance Code authorizes the State Insurance Commissioner to distribute funds assessed against insurers, to agencies statewide for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud cases. Since 1994, the District Attorney's Office (Department) has been receiving grant funds for this purpose on an annual basis. In addition to keeping the public safe, the Department investigates and prosecutes these cases because fraudulent workers' compensation claims are crimes that inflate premiums for all consumers.

The State Insurance Commissioner sent notice to all participating agencies statewide that the due date to submit a grant application for the 2021-22 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program would be April 21, 2021. Due to the requirements to include statistical information through mid-April, the Department anticipates the final grant application will not be completed until close to the due date. After completion, the District Attorney will sign and submit the grant application to the State. A copy of this application will be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and forwarded to County Counsel. The Board of Supervisors approval of this item including the resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the application, is required by the grant application process.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Katherine Hardy, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5437) on March 12, 2021; Finance (Monique Amis, Finance Analyst, 387-4883) on March 17, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Kelly Welty, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on March 17, 2021.