



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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

February 8, 2022

FROM

JASON ANDERSON, District Attorney

SUBJECT

Grant Award Amendment for Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve Grant Award Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 21-761 with the California Insurance Commissioner to accept an additional \$50,094, increasing the grant award from \$437,669 to a total award amount of \$487,763, to fund the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Adopt Resolution, as required by the California Department of Insurance authorizing the District Attorney to execute and submit all documents in relation to the acceptance of the Grant Award Amendment, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post the necessary budget adjustments of \$50,094, as detailed in the Financial Impact Section, in the District Attorney's 2021-22 budget (Four votes required).
4. Direct the District Attorney to transmit all Grant Award Amendment documents 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the need for additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The additional grant award of \$50,094 does not require a match and was not included in the District Attorney's Office (Department) 2021-22 budget. A budget adjustment for the additional \$50,094 is requested, as listed below:

Fund Center	Commitment Item	Description	Action	Amount
4500002754	40408955	State-Grants	Increase	\$50,094
4500002754	55405010	Salaries & Benefits Transfers Out	Increase	\$50,094
4500001000	55415011	Salaries & Benefits Transfers In	Increase	(\$50,094)
4500001000	51001010	Salaries	Increase	\$50,094

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) administers the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (Program) under the direction of the State Insurance Commissioner and pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 1874.8. The CDI distributes grant funds to offices of the district attorney statewide for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting organized automobile fraud. The acceptance of this grant amendment aligns with the goal of providing for the safety of County residents by assisting the Department in the investigation and prosecution of automobile fraud crimes. The Department has been receiving grant funds for this purpose for the past 17 years.

On October 26, 2021 (Item No. 35), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Grant Award Agreement No. 21-761 with the California Insurance Commissioner accepting \$437,669 for the Program. The grant is used to partially fund one Deputy District Attorney IV and one District Attorney Senior Investigator assigned to the Program. On January 6, 2022, the Department was notified of additional funding in the amount of \$50,094, which will partially fund the salaries and benefits of the existing two staff assigned to this grant. The grant award letter references a return date of February 4, 2022, which has been extended to February 11, 2022 by the Insurance Commissioner's office in order to obtain all necessary approvals and signatures.

The State of California, Department of Insurance requires a resolution from the Board authorizing the District Attorney to execute and submit all documents in relation to the acceptance of the Grant Award Amendment.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Katherine Hardy, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on January 12, 2022; Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Vanessa Doyle, Chief Deputy Controller, 382-3195) on January 13, 2022; Finance (Carol Lofton, Finance Analyst, 387-5405) on January 24, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Office, 387-5423) on January 24, 2022.