

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: District Attorney

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction ("URBAN") Grant from the California Department of Insurance for FYs 2012-2015 and Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-242.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program award from the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, Department of Insurance (DOI) in the amount of \$336,247, for the grant period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
2. Adopt Resolution 2012-242 authorizing the District Attorney and/or his designee to sign the Grant Award Agreement on behalf of the Board.


BACKGROUND: (Commences on Page 2)

Jeffrey A. Van Wagenen Jr., for Paul E. Zellerbach, District Attorney

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$336,247	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	2012-2013

SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California, Department of Insurance	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature BY: 
Elizabeth J. Olson

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: Samuel Wong 11/14/12
 SAMUEL WONG
 Departmental Concurrence
 DATE: 11/15/12
 NEAL R. KENNIS
 Departmental Concurrence
 DATE:

Policy
 Policy
 Consent
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 Department Recommendation:
 Per Executive Office:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2/9/10 (3.15); 6/27/06 (#3.14); 11/28/06 (#3.12); 10/07/03 (#3.18); 12/04/01 (#3.18) | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM 11: Acceptance of the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Grant from the California Department of Insurance for FY2012-2015 and Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-242.

DATE: November 14, 2012

BACKGROUND:

The combined Riverside-San Bernardino Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Grant is an ongoing program designed to investigate and prosecute organized automobile insurance fraud activity. Pursuant to the provisions of California Insurance Code Section 1874.8, the California Department of Insurance (CDI) has awarded the Riverside County District Attorney's Office \$336,247 for the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 grant period. The grant agreement is for three funding cycles starting July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015.

For more than a decade, the District Attorneys of both San Bernardino and Riverside have recognized that many of the demographics, economics and criminality in both counties are so similar that they are not limited to each individual county, and are in fact Inland Empire Regional issues. Throughout this time frame the District Attorneys' Offices have enjoyed close working relationships, particularly in the area of insurance, consumer, and real estate fraud, as well as in the prosecution of environmental crimes. Similarly, the police agencies in the two counties have long term partnerships in regional narcotics, financial crime, gang, and auto theft task forces and investigations. The existing relationship between our counties, as well as the sharing of the URBAN grant, has permitted our offices, which are both served by the Inland Empire branch of the Fraud Division, to take a regional, multicounty view of cases and their impacts. In order to accomplish this both offices have worked together since the inception of the URBAN grant program, communicating frequently about cases, suspects and emerging issues.

By combining our efforts we have been able to provide service to the citizens of the largest area of Southern California, stretching from the Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Los Angeles, Kern county lines and to the Arizona and Nevada border.

The majority of the cases in the URBAN grant program, at both the investigation and prosecution stages, are generated from the two- county URBAN grant task force hosted at the inland regional fraud office of the department of insurance. This task force brings together the investigators from the Department of Insurance, the highway patrol, a Riverside County District Attorney investigator, members of the regional auto theft task forces (SANCATT and RAID) and prosecutors. The task force receives its direction from the California Department of Insurance regional Captain and Bureau Chief.

The grant documents have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-242

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE

5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING

6 THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION ("URBAN GRANT") PROGRAM

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8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside desires to undertake a certain program designated the
9 Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction ("Urban Grant") Program to be funded by funds made
10 available through and administered by the California Department of Insurance (hereinafter referred to as
11 "DOI"); now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State
13 of California, in regular session assembled on _____, 2012, that District Attorney of
14 the County of Riverside, State of California and/or his designee is authorized, on its behalf, to submit and
15 to sign the Grant Award Agreement as well as related contracts, amendments, or extensions with DOI
16 that do not significantly change the grant or contract.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution shall be in effect for a three-year period
18 beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015.

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FOR APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Neal Kipnis DATE: 11/15/12

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Fiscal Year 2012-13

Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program ("Urban Grant")



The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California hereby makes an award of funds to **Riverside 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. 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 Grant: The grant award is for the program period, **July 1, 2012** through **June 30, 2013**.

Purpose of 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 Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$336,247**. 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 	DAVE JONES Insurance Commissioner 
Name: Paul E. Zellerbach Title: District Attorney	Name: Rick Plein Title: Deputy Commissioner
Address: 3960 Orange Street Riverside, CA 92501	
Date: <u>Sept. 13, 2012</u>	Date: <u>9/27/12</u>

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure.


Michael Fong, Budget Officer, CDI

10/3/12
Date