

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

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FROM: District Attorney

SUBMITTAL DATE:
09/25/13

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY 2013-14 Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program ("Urban Grant") Award. All Districts [\$336,247]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
 - Approve and ratify acceptance of the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program ("Urban Grant") Award from the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California Department of Insurance in the amount of \$336,247 for the grant period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California has renewed the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program ("Urban Grant") Award for the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 grant period.

Resolution No. 2012-242 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on 12/4/2012 (3.4) is in effect through 6/30/2015.

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 336,247	\$ 0	\$ 336,247	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 13/14	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: _____
 Karen L. Johnson

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: *Clayton Harris*
 TANYA S. HARRIS, CPA 10/7/13

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *Neal R. Kipnis*
 DATE:

Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/04/2012 3.40 | District: ALL | Agenda Number:

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FORM 11: Acceptance of the FY 2013-14 Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program
("Urban Grant") Award

DATE: 09/25/13

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014 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.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

All costs under this program will be recovered through grant funding.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-242

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING
THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION ("URBAN GRANT") PROGRAM

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

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

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

FOR COUNTY COUNCIL
BY *[Signature]* DATE *6/15/12*

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT
Fiscal Year 2013-14
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, 2013** through **June 30, 2014**.

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.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Neal R. Kipnis* DATE: *8/15/13*

Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient <i>Paul E. Zellerbach</i>	DAVE JONES Insurance Commissioner <i>[Signature]</i>
Name: Paul E. Zellerbach Title: District Attorney	Name: Rick Plein Title: Deputy Commissioner
Address: 3960 Orange Street Riverside, CA 92501	
Date: <i>8/15/13</i>	Date: <i>9-11-13</i>

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

Caleb Horel
Caleb Horel, Budget Officer, CDI

9/13/13
Date