

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



**ITEM  
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(ID # 10809)**

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**FROM :** DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approval of the Acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant Award; and Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-204. All Districts [\$939,921; State of California 100%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program grant award from the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California in the amount of \$939,921 for the award period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-204 authorizing the District Attorney or designee to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, including any extensions or amendments thereof, as approved by County Counsel.


**ACTION:**

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spiegel  
Date: October 1, 2019  
xc: DA

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 939,921	\$ 0	\$ 939,921	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> State of California 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 19/20	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**Summary**

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California has renewed awarded funding under the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$939,921 for the award period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Automobile Insurance Fraud Program funding is made available pursuant to Section 1872.8 of the California Insurance Code. Funding under this program will be used by the District Attorney for the purpose of enhanced investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud and economic car theft cases.

The DA's Office budgeted revenue for this category based on an estimated award amount, and as a result, a budget adjustment is not necessary.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

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

**ATTACHMENT A.** Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant Award Letter

**ATTACHMENT B.** County Board of Supervisors Resolution #2019-204

  
 Ryan Carter, Principal Management Analyst      9/24/2019

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-204

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,  
5 AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR  
6 THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM


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8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside desires to undertake a certain program designated the  
9 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program to be funded by funds made available through California Insurance  
10 Code Section 1872.8 and administered by the California Department of Insurance (hereinafter referred to  
11 as "DOI"); and

12 WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney works on behalf of the County to investigate and  
13 prosecute automobile insurance fraud cases.

14 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of  
15 Supervisors of the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on October 1, 2019, located on the  
16 first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that the Board of  
17 Supervisors hereby authorizes the District Attorney of the County of Riverside, or designee, on behalf of  
18 the County, to sign and submit the Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") on behalf of the Board of  
19 Supervisors, as well as related amendments, or extensions with DOI, as approved by County Counsel.  
20 This resolution shall be in effect for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30,  
21 2022.

22 IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Agreement, including civil  
23 court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency.  
24 The State of California and DOI disclaim responsibility of any such liability.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant  
26 local expenditures controlled by this body.

CLERK COUNTY COUNSEL  
DATE 9/13/19  
BY:  SUSANNA N. OH

2 **RESOLUTION 2019-204**

3 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE**  
4 **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE**  
5 **THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD**  
6 **PROGRAM**

7 ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on October 1, 2019.

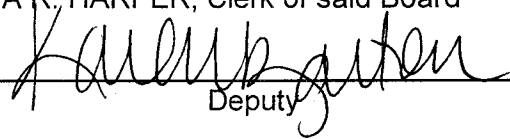
8 **ROLL CALL:**

9 **Ayes:** Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
10 **Nays:** None  
11 **Absent:** Spiegel

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of  
14 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

15 **KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board**

16 **By:**

  
Deputy

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**RICARDO LARA**  
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

August 20, 2019

The Honorable Michael A. Hestrin  
District Attorney  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
3960 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

**RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud  
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Dear District Attorney Hestrin:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **Riverside County** has been awarded **\$939,921** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of Automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with consideration given to the goals and objectives set by me 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 committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system.

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. As such, I have tasked the Department's Fraud Division with developing improved methods to track and measure your proposed outreach efforts and I invite you and your office to work with them towards this goal.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding. Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Shawn Conner at (858) 693-7108 if you want to discuss your application and award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

**RICARDO LARA**  
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Michael Silverman, Chief Deputy District Attorney

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