

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



ITEM: 3.10  
(ID # 20220)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

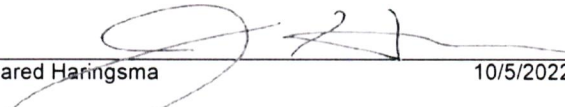
**FROM :** DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approval of the Acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant Award and Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-196. All Districts [\$904,390; State of California 100%]

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

1. Approve 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 \$904,390 for the award period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-196 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; and
3. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

**ACTION:**

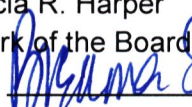
  
Jared Haringsma 10/5/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 18, 2022  
xc: D.A.

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>	\$ 904,390	\$ 0	\$ 904,390	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> State of California 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	22/23

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**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 \$904,390 for the award period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Automobile Insurance Fraud Program funding is made available pursuant to Section 1872.8 of the California Insurance Code. Funding under this program is to 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. The attached budget adjustment is required to match to the decreased award amount.

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.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- SCHEDULE A.** BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
- ATTACHMENT A.** Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant Award Letter
- ATTACHMENT B.** County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2022-196

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*Heydee Koury*  
Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 10/12/2022

*Rebecca S Cortez*  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 10/12/2022

*Ryan Yabko*  
Ryan Yabko 10/5/2022

*Aaron Gettis*  
Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 10/5/2022

1 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-196

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


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

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

13 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of  
14 Supervisors of the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on October 18, 2022,  
15 located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside,  
16 California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the District Attorney of the County of  
17 Riverside, or designee, on behalf of the County, to sign and submit the Grant Agreement (the  
18 "Agreement") on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, as well as related amendments, or  
19 extensions with DOI, as approved by County Counsel. This resolution shall be in effect for a  
20 three-year period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

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

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

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY  RYAN D. YABKO  
10/5/22 DATE

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8 ROLL CALL:

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10 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

11 Nays: None

12 Absent: None

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

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18 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

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**RICARDO LARA**  
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

August 30, 2022

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 Program  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Dear District Attorney Hestrin:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to thirty-four District Attorney Offices, of which **Riverside County** has been awarded **\$904,390** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation for this Program 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.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is 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 of mine.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. Should you have any questions regarding your award, please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, Assistant Chief at CDI Fraud Division over Programs at (323) 278-5062. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

**RICARDO LARA**  
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Chris Bouffard, Managing Deputy District Attorney

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4 AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR  
5 THE DISABILITY AND HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM

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11 WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney works on behalf of the County to  
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