

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



**ITEM: 3.12
(ID # 20213)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

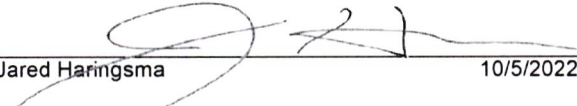
FROM : DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approval of the Acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program Grant Award and Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-195. All Districts [\$3,257,156; State of California 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant award from the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California in the amount of \$3,257,156 for the award period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and
2. Adopt Resolution 2022-195 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.

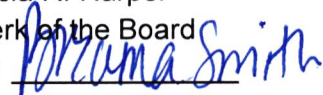
ACTION:


Jared Haringsma 10/5/2022

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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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$3,257,156	\$0	\$3,257,156	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	22/23

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California has renewed awarded funding under the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (WC) for the program period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The WC funding is made pursuant to Section 1872.83 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 workers' compensation fraud cases.

The DA's Office budgeted revenue for this category based on an estimated award amount, the attached budget adjustment is required to match the increased 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.** Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program Award Letter
- ATTACHMENT B.** County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2022-195

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Rebecca S Cortez
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Ryan Yabko
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County of Riverside

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8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside desires to undertake a certain program designated the
9 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program to be funded by funds made available through
10 California Insurance Code Section 1872.85 and administered by the California Department of Insurance
11 ("DOI"); and

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

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

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 here under shall not be used to supplant
26 local expenditures controlled by this body.
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY  RYAN D. YABKO
DATE 10/5/22

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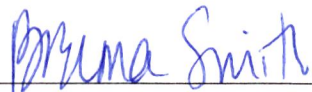
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15 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
16 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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18 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

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RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 6, 2022

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

**RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Dear District Attorney Hestrin,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, a total of \$50,545,239 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 35 District Attorney Offices representing 45 counties, of which **Riverside** has been awarded **\$3,257,156** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department staff, in consultation with the California Fraud Assessment Commission. Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with careful consideration given to the applicant's plan to achieve the goals and objectives set by me and the Fraud Assessment Commission 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 that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others. 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. Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Assistant Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5062 should you have any questions regarding your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Chris Bouffard, Managing Deputy District Attorney

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