

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



ITEM: 3.16
(ID # 25306)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

FROM : DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approval of the Acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program Grant Award. All Districts [\$3,754,087; 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 \$3,754,087 for the award period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Jared Haringsma 6/7/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 25, 2024
xc: DA

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$3,754,087	\$0	\$3,754,087	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	23/24

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, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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.

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

Heydee Koury
 Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 6/12/2024

Ryan Yabko
 Ryan Yabko 6/11/2024

Aaron Gettis
 Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 6/12/2024

**Schedule A – Budget
Adjustment FY23/24**

Increase Appropriations:

11158-2200100000-537180	Interfund Exp-Salary Reimb	95,845
11158-2200100000-53720	Interfund Exp-Supportive Svcs	63,897
	TOTAL	\$159,742

Increase Estimated Revenues:

11158-2200100000-755360	CA-Workers Comp Ins Fraud	159,742
	TOTAL	\$159,742



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

February 6, 2024

via email

Ginika Ezinwa
Deputy Director Administration
Riverside County District Attorney's Office
3960 Orange St.
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Carryover and FY 2023-24 Modified Budget –
Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program

Dear Ginika Ezinwa:

We received your County's request to carryover audited unexpended FY 2022-23 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds into FY 2023-24. After careful review, **FY 2022-23 Carryover in the amount of \$152,971 and the attached FY 2023-24 modified budget are approved.**

FY 2023-24 grant funding is:

FY 2022-23 Carryover Approval:	\$152,971
FY 2022-23 Interest:	\$6,771
FY 2023-24 Grant Award:	\$3,594,345
FY 2023-24 Total Funding:	\$3,754,087

Thank you for your commitment to the program. Through our coordinated efforts, we make a difference in the fight against Workers' Compensation insurance fraud in California. For questions, please contact Jennifer Tran, Workers' Compensation Program Analyst, at (916) 854-5708 or LAU@insurance.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Felicia Lieb

Felicia Lieb
Deputy Chief, Fraud Division

cc: Chris Bouffard, Managing Deputy District Attorney

FY 22-23 into FY 23-24 Carryover Budget

COUNTY NAME: RIVERSIDE

PROGRAM: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD

Salary by Position	Total \$ for line item	# of Positions	FTE
Supervising Attorneys	\$ 263,634	4	1.1
Attorneys	\$ 710,004	7	4.3
Supervising Investigators	\$ 207,767	2	1.2
Investigators (Sworn)	\$ 843,718	6	6
Investigators (Non-Sworn)	\$ 15,104	1	0.2
Investigative Assistants	\$ 37,126	1	0.5
Forensic Accountant/Auditor	\$ 72,910	2	0.5
Support Staff Supervisor	\$ -		
Paralegal/Analyst/Legal Assistant/etc.	\$ 84,765	5	1.35
Clerical Staff	\$ 28,514	3	0.44
Student Assistants	\$ -		
Over Time: Investigators	\$ 172,226	6	0.83
Over Time: Other Staff			
Salary by Position, other (auto-generated) *Do not use			
Salary Total	\$ 2,435,768		

Benefits	\$ 1,002,917		
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Personnel Services Total	\$ 3,438,685		
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FY 22-23 into FY 23-24 Carryover Budget

COUNTY NAME: RIVERSIDE

PROGRAM: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD

Operating Expenses, General	Total \$ for line item
Grant Indirect Costs - 10% method; grant indirect cost plan must be uploaded in application (<i>choose only 1 indirect cost method</i>)	\$ 226,354
Grant Indirect Costs - 5% method; grant indirect cost plan must be uploaded in application (<i>choose only 1 indirect cost method</i>)	
Outreach	
Audit	\$ 4,250
Forensic Accounting Services	
Expert Consultant Fees	\$ 10,000
Witness Fees/Litigation Fees	\$ 20,748
Undercover Operation Expenses	
Office Supplies	
Office Space/Facility Fees	
IT Services	
Communications (<i>phone, etc.</i>)	
Membership Dues/Publications	\$ 500
Operating Expenses, General, other (<i>auto-generated</i>) *Do not use	
Operating Expenses, General Sub-Total	\$ 261,852

Operating Expenses, Detailed	Total \$ for line item
Insurance (i.e., General Liability, Workers' Comp, etc.; <i>identify in narrative</i>)	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance for grant purchased vehicles (<i>identify number of vehicles in narrative</i>)	
<i># of Vehicles :</i>	
Vehicle Mileage (not to exceed federal standard mileage rate; not allowed for grant purchased vehicles; <i>identify number of vehicles in narrative</i>)	
<i># of Vehicles :</i>	
Vehicle Parking (<i>identify number of vehicles in narrative</i>)	
<i># of Vehicles :</i>	
Software Renewal (<i>identify in narrative</i>)	\$ 7,650
<i>Narrative:</i> Cellebrite UFED 4PC Ultimate \$5,400 and GPS Trackers Yearly Fee. Qty 5@ \$450=2,250: Total Cost \$5,400+ \$2,250= \$7,650	

Software Purchase (<i>identify and provide justification in narrative</i>)	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Minor Equipment as defined in instructions (<i>identify in narrative IF over \$1,000 combined total</i>)	\$ 5,900
<i>Narrative:</i> Verizon - Jetpack MiFi 8800 (Qty 3@ \$200)= \$600. Scanners to be used for activities related to only WC program (Qty 11@\$329.09)=\$3,620. Push to Talk radios (Qty 4@420)=\$1,680. Total Cost \$600+\$3,620+\$1,680= \$5,900	
Equipment Lease/Maintenance (<i>identify in narrative</i>)	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Operating Expenses, Detailed, other (<i>auto-generated</i>) *Do not use	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Sub-Total	\$ 13,550

Operating Expenses, Travel and Training	Total \$ for line item
Travel - In CA (include costs such as hotel, airfare, and rental car for travel associated with investigation and/or training)	\$ 25,000
<i>Narrative:</i> Budgeted Conferances: TBD (CDAA/CDAIA), TBD (Fraud Assessment commission, agreggate assessment meeting), TBD (SCFIA Annual Conference), TBD (Annual anti-fraud conf), TBD (2023 Fraud Symposium)	
Travel - Out of CA (identify state and purpose in narrative and include costs such as hotel, airfare, and rental car for out of state travel associated with investigation and/or training)	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Training - In CA (include registration fees)	\$ 15,000
<i>Narrative:</i> Budgeted Registration Fees: CDAIA & CDAA Conference, and Southern CA Fraud Investigators Association's Annual Conference	
Training - Out of CA (identify state and purpose in narrative, and include registration fees)	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Operating Expenses, Travel and Training, other (<i>auto-generated</i>) *Do not use	
<i>Narrative:</i>	
Sub-Total	\$ 40,000

Operating Expense Total (General + Detailed + Travel & Training)	\$ 315,402
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FY 22-23 into FY 23-24 Carryover Budget

COUNTY NAME: RIVERSIDE

PROGRAM: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD

Equipment	Total \$ for line item	% Billed to Program
Computers (provide justification and % billed to each program in narrative)		
<i>Narrative:</i>		
Printers/Scanners (provide justification and % billed to each program in narrative)		
<i>Narrative:</i>		
Vehicles (provide justification and % billed to each program in narrative)		
<i>Narrative:</i>		
Vehicle Code 3 Equipment (provide number and % billed to each program in narrative)		
<i>Narrative:</i>		
Equipment, other (auto-generated) *Do not use		
<i>Narrative:</i>		
Equipment Total	\$ -	

Program Budget Total	\$ 3,754,087
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