

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



**ITEM: 3.14
(ID # 30843)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

FROM : DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Approval of the Acceptance of Additional/Carryover Grant Funding from the California Department of Insurance for the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for Fiscal Years 2025 - 2026. All Districts [\$43,921; State of California 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of the California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program addition/carryover grant award from the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California in the amount of \$43,921 for the award period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and
2. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A.

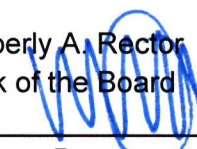
ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required


Jennifer Garcia 6/24/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: July 14, 2026
xc: DA

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 43,921	\$ 0	\$ 43,921	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

California Insurance Code Section 1874.8 directs the California Insurance Commissioner to award three (3) to ten (10) grants for a coordinated program targeted at the successful prosecution and elimination of organized automobile fraud activity. In determining whether to award a district attorney a grant, the Commissioner must consider factors including, but not limited to, the county's level of general criminal activity, population density, automobile insurance claims frequency, number of suspected fraudulent claims, and prior and current evidence of organized automobile fraud activity.

The California Insurance Commissioner approved the Riverside County District Attorney's Office carryover of \$43,921 (including interest) in unspent grant funds from FY2024-2025, from the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction program. These funds are now available for the award period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and will be used during the same period.

The District Attorney's Office initially budgeted this revenue using a preliminary award. The attached budget adjustment is required to align our budget with the final, increased award amount.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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

ATTACHMENTS:

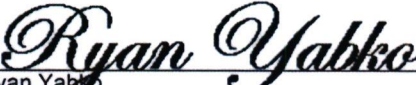
SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

ATTACHMENT A. Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program
Carryover Award Letter


Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant

6/25/2026


Steven Atkeson 6/30/2026


Ryan Yabko 6/25/2026


Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 6/25/2026

Schedule A – Budget Adjustment

FY25/26

Increase Appropriations:

11156-2200100000-537180	Interfnd Exp-Salary Reimb	43,921
	TOTAL	\$43,921

Increase Estimated Revenues:

11156-2200100000-755240	CA-Urban Auto Fraud Grant	43,921
	TOTAL	\$43,921



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

February 26, 2026

via email

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

RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Carryover and FY 2025-26 Modified Budget –
Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (Urban)

Dear Ginika Ezinwa:

We received your County's request to carryover audited unexpended FY 2024-25 Urban Insurance Fraud Program grant funds into FY 2025-26. After careful review, **FY 2024-25 Carryover in the amount of \$41,555 and the attached FY 2025-26 modified budget are approved.**

FY 2025-26 grant funding is:

FY 2024-25 Interest	\$2,366
FY 2024-25 Carryover Approval:	\$41,555
<u>FY 2025-26 Grant Award:</u>	<u>\$538,174</u>
FY 2025-26 Total Funding:	\$582,095

Thank you for your commitment to the program. Through our coordinated efforts, we make a difference in the fight against organized automobile insurance fraud in California. For questions, please contact the Local Assistance Unit at LAU@insurance.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Victoria Martinez

Victoria Martinez
Deputy Chief
Investigative Support and Grant Programs, Fraud Division

cc: Chris Bouffard, Managing Deputy District Attorney