

Craig Thompson Environmental Protection Prosecution Fund
GRANT APPLICATION
(Law Enforcement Form)

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis from the Craig Thompson Environmental Protection Prosecution Fund (Fund). It is important to fill out all of the information requested by this grant application. The grant funds can only be used to enhance the investigation, prosecution or enforcement of environmental protection actions brought pursuant to the environmental protection statutes of the State of California by the California Attorney General, district attorneys and city attorneys authorized to bring such actions pursuant to such statutes. Grant funds must augment and not supplant existing budgets.

Return original grant application to:

Craig Thompson Environmental Protection Prosecution Fund
c/o Supervising Deputy Attorney General Dennis Beck
Office of the California Attorney General
1300 I Street, Suite 125
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax or email a copy of the grant application to each of the Trustees:

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| COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS | | | |
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| Name: Christopher Dalbey | | Title: Sr. Deputy District Attorney | |
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| | Amount Requested: \$25,000 – Waste Audit Startup | | |
| Reasons for the Grant <i>(Attach one or more pages as necessary to describe reasons for grant and complete cost table form)</i> | | | |
| Directions: Please provide the following information in a "Reasons for the Grant" Addendum to this form. You will need to provide a description that will include one or more additional pages of information that addresses the following factors: 1) Specifically describe the factual circumstances and applicable statutes relating to the alleged violations; and 2) Indicate whether the alleged violations are being investigated or are alleged to occur in more than one county; list all prosecution offices; and 3) Describe in detail each activity for which funds are sought and include a cost estimate for each activity (i.e., computerized document management, laboratory tests, travel expenses, deposition costs). Please complete the cost table form and submit it with your application. | | | |

AGREEMENT and REPRESENTATIONS

1. The grant funds will only be used for the purposes described in the application.
2. The grant funds will be used to augment and not supplant the office's existing budget. The budget of the grantee will not be reduced by reason of approval or receipt of the grant. Grantee represents that funds are not available from other sources.
3. If the grant is for the purpose of litigation, any settlement will provide for full reimbursement of the amount of the grant to the Fund.
4. The Fund shall be reimbursed before any settlement funds are used for any other purpose.
5. The grantee will seek to recover all costs which are or may be authorized by law if grantee obtains a favorable judgment after trial or appellate decision, and to reimburse the Fund from such recovery, regardless of whether the grant funds were used for costs which are recoverable under Code of Civil Procedure section 1033.5 or any other provision of law, before any money or other consideration received pursuant to the judgment or decision is used for any other purpose.
6. The grantee represents that his/her office is authorized to accept grant funds under applicable law pertaining to its budget.
7. The grantee will notify the Fund Chairperson of litigation results, including any settlement, judgment or other resolution in writing within 30 days of such settlement, judgment or other resolution and will notify the Fund Chairperson of the status of all outstanding litigation or investigatory matters which are the subject matter of the grant on or before December 31 of the calendar year.
8. The grantee will maintain sufficient records for auditing purposes to substantiate any expenditure.
9. The grantee will cooperate with the Trustees and their agents in providing all information and documents concerning the use of Fund funds as the Trustees reasonably request.
10. The grantee will comply with all additional requirements the Trustees impose.
11. Approval of this grant application does not constitute trustee endorsement of this project.
12. All grant funds received by grantee which are not expended within two years of receipt for the purposes designated in the grant shall be repaid to the Fund immediately upon request by the Trustees. Unused or excess funds must be returned to the Fund within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the activity for which the grant was requested or within sixty (60) days after the purchase of non-case specific goods or services.

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| Date: 11/10/2025 | Signature of Authorized Delegate:  |
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TO: CRAIG THOMPSON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROSECUTION FUND TRUSTEES

FROM: CHRISTOPHER DALBEY, Sr. Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST – Waste Audit Startup

DATE: November 10, 2025

This Grant Application Request is to assist the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office in establishing a waste audit program.

Our Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit has assisted other counties with commercial waste audits but never conducted our own audits within Santa Barbara County. This is soon going to change because, with the addition of a dedicated, full-time investigator to our unit approximately three years ago, we have developed a plan to implement a waste audit program. The goal of this program is to participate in local and multi-jurisdictional hazardous waste investigations, including at retail stores. We aim to conduct our first audit in mid-2026.

Through evaluating the necessary steps to create a waste audit program, we learned there are many items our office will need to purchase for safety and preparedness. The tools needed to start this program include, but are not limited to: rental of a supply storage locker, personal protective equipment, vehicle add-ons, tools, meeting costs, sampling equipment, sampling/laboratory costs, and disposal costs. Our office recently purchased a Ford F-150 Lightning EV to function as a primary command post during waste audits. We believe that purchasing these items would be vital to preparing for the known and unknown variables associated with handling hazardous waste.

The Grant funds would be used to cover all aspects of our future waste audits, specifically the investigative costs listed above. The total estimated costs at this time are approximately \$25,000.00. Funds from this grant would cover up to two years of startup costs associated with developing and preparing our new waste audit program.

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**CRAIG THOMPSON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROSECUTION FUND GRANT
APPLICATION FORM ATTACHMENT**

WASTE AUDIT STARTUP

| ANTICIPATED INVESTIGATION COSTS | EXPLANATION OF COST ESTIMATES |
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| Sampling Materials / Lab Costs: \$9,000 | Analysis of waste/hazardous materials/hazardous waste; misc. equipment for waste inspections. This includes costs of items needed to transport and secure evidence, including sampling materials. |
| PPE, Tools: \$7,000 | <p>Personal protective equipment, tarps, scales, measuring devices, tools, decontamination materials, and other equipment for waste inspections.</p> <p>A storage locker will be purchased or rented for ready availability of the supplies. The District Attorney's Office does not have sufficient space to store this equipment on-site. Our plan is to place a storage locker in the parking lot of the County CUPA in Santa Barbara, which has given us authority to do so.</p> <p>This cost is our best estimate for PPE and tools needed to supply all workers on scene of each audit for at least one year (up to two years) at a rate of 6 audits per year. Many of the tools are reusable and will last for multiple audits.</p> |
| Vehicle Equipment: \$9,000 | <p>Our recently purchased vehicle is equipped with a law enforcement "Code 3" package with lights and sirens. The requested \$9,000 is for equipment costs including the following: storage drawers installed in the truck bed, snug top with ventilating windows for the truck bed, and a locking rifle rack to be installed under the rear seat. This cost estimate was provided by our County Fleet Operations department, and it includes parts and installation.</p> <p>These tools are critical to securing law enforcement gear, PPE, and evidence while audits are being conducted.</p> |