

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Department Name: District Attorney

Department No.: 021

For Agenda Of: April 9, 2019
Placement: Administrative

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x2308

Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x2303

SUBJECT: Approve Resolutions for Department of Insurance Grants

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the Resolution in Attachment A to accept liability for the local Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, funded by the California Department of Insurance for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$403,104.00;
- b) Adopt the Resolution in Attachment B to accept liability for the local Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, funded by the California Department of Insurance for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$174,687.00; and
- c) Determine that the above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), because it consists of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The Workers' Compensation and Automobile Insurance Fraud Programs are designed to prosecute insurance fraud cases which are investigated by various law enforcement agencies. Board approval is required to formally accept liability for the local programs.

Background: On December 11, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney to execute Grant Agreements with the California Department of Insurance (DOI) for

the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, and the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program. On January 29, 2019 and February 5, 2019, the Board approved Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney to execute amendments to these grants to add funds.

Upon returning the latter Resolutions to the DOI, the District Attorney's Office was informed that the DOI was now enforcing a requirement for the Resolutions to include language accepting liability for the local program. Approval of the recommended actions will adopt Resolutions that include the newly-required liability acceptance language. Risk Management concurs with the additional language to accept liability.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Key Contract Risks: There is minimal risk to the County. Funds are reimbursed after program expenses are incurred.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) duplicate original of each Resolution to Nicole Acosta, DA Department Business Specialist (x2413).

Attachments:

- A. Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Board Resolution
- B. Automobile Insurance Fraud Board Resolution

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