



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
District Attorney



Date: May 29, 2012
Board Meeting Date: June 26, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Stephen M. Wagstaffe, District Attorney
Subject: **Submission of Annual Grant Proposals to the California Department of Insurance**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to submit annual grant proposals and enter into Grant Award Agreements with the California Department of Insurance for programs for the investigation and prosecution of automobile and workers' compensation insurance fraud through fiscal year 2014-2015

BACKGROUND:

Since 1994, the Office of the District Attorney's Automobile Insurance Fraud Program and Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program have been funded by grant monies applied for and received from the State of California as administered through the California Department of Insurance. Each year, in order to apply for and receive such grant monies for such projects, the Office of the District Attorney drafts and submits Board Memos and Resolutions authorizing the same. On June 23, 2009 the Board authorized the District Attorney's office to apply for said grants, to accept said grant monies, and to execute the related grant award agreements for the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years. A copy of the agreement from 2011-2012 is attached to this memo.

DISCUSSION:

In the interests of efficiency, the Office of the District Attorney is requesting that the Board authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept the above-referenced grant monies through and including the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Such "standing resolutions" would obviate the need for the District Attorney to prepare and submit Board Memos and Resolutions each year. Should the terms of the Grant Award Agreements differ substantially from the 2011-2012 agreement, the Office of the District Attorney will present the new agreements to the Board for approval. The Department of Insurance grants do not require a County match or the commitment of additional County funds.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of the Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by allowing the District Attorney's Office to continue to investigate and prosecute insurance fraud cases that are perpetrated by and against citizens of our community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Workers Compensation and Automobile Insurance Fraud Grants

	Number of Cases Charged	Number of Convictions
FY 10/11	28	16
FY 11/12	24	8
Projected FY 12/13	26	12

FISCAL IMPACT:

Historically, after the subject grants have been approved by the California Department of Insurance, the combined insurance fraud grant programs have been fully funded by State and trust fund monies and the District Attorney's Office has not exceeded the financial needs of such programs. In past years, this Board's approval of the application and acceptance of these grants has had no fiscal impact on Net County Cost.