



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
District Attorney



Date: August 28, 2013
Board Meeting Date: October 8, 2013
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 to the California Department of Insurance, and receive distribution of grant funds for the investigation and prosecution of disability and healthcare insurance fraud through FY 2015-16.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the District Attorney has applied for and has been awarded funding in the amount of \$355,000 for the investigation and prosecution of disability and healthcare insurance fraud for fiscal year 2013-14. The program is being funded by grant monies applied for and received from the State of California as administered through the California Department of Insurance. The Department of Insurance does not require a Board Resolution for submittal of the application for funding. A Board Resolution, however, is required for a county to receive a distribution of funds. Each year, in order to apply for and receive such grant monies for this program, the Office of the District Attorney will be required to draft and submit Board Memos and Resolutions authorizing the same.

DISCUSSION:

In the interests of efficiency, the Office of the District Attorney is requesting that this Board authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept the above referenced grant monies through and including Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Such "standing resolutions" would obviate the need for the District Attorney to prepare and submit Board Memos and Resolutions each year. 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 investigate and prosecute insurance fraud cases that are perpetrated by and against citizens of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program is fully funded by the California Department of Insurance. The District Attorney's Office is not exceeding the financial needs of this program. The Board's approval of the application and acceptance of this grants, has no fiscal impact on Net County Cost.