



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

File #: 19-206

Board Meeting Date: 3/12/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Stephen M. Wagstaffe, District Attorney
Subject: Submission of Annual Grant Proposal to the California Department of Insurance for the High Impact Insurance Fraud Program

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 High Impact Insurance Fraud through fiscal year 2020-2021.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) has successfully litigated anti-fraud cases resulting in settlement payment which statute indicates upon appropriation shall be used by CDI for enhance investigation and prevention efforts. To be awarded High Impact Insurance Fraud Program funds, the insurance fraud case must have a suspected loss over \$1,000,000. The RFA for this grant was issued to all district attorneys in the State of California.

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 2020-2021. 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 2018-2019 agreement, the Office of the District Attorney will present the new agreements to the Board for approval. The Department of Insurance grants does 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Historically, after the subject grants have been approved by the California Department of Insurance, the combined insurance fraud grant programs have utilized all of the State grant funding. The District Attorney's Office uses general fund money to pick up any remaining difference which has not been significant. In past years, this Board's approval of the application and acceptance of these grants have had an immaterial impact on Net County Cost.