



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

January 5, 2022

The Honorable Vern R. Pierson
District Attorney
El Dorado County District Attorney's Office
778 Pacific Street
Placerville, CA 95667

**RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2021-22 Additional Funding**

Dear District Attorney Pierson:

I am pleased to report that there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Year-End Balance in the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$1,108,629** of which an additional **\$15,032** will be awarded to **El Dorado County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used in FY 2021-22 for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system. Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a priority.

Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Victoria Martinez at (323) 278-5062 should you have any questions regarding your amended award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Mueller".

George Mueller
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

cc via email: Mr. James A. Clinchard, Assistant District Attorney
Ms. Kerri Williams-Horn, Chief Financial Officer

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**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT
of Additional Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22
Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California hereby makes an amendment to the award of funds to **El Dorado County**, Office of the District Attorney, in the amount and for the purpose and duration set forth in this grant award.

This grant award consists of this agreement and the application for the grant and made a part hereof. By acceptance of the grant award, the grant award recipient agrees to administer the grant program in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and Request-for-Application (RFA).

Duration of Amended Grant: The grant award is for the program period **July 1, 2021** through **June 30, 2022**.

Purpose of Amended Grant: This grant award is made pursuant to the provisions of California Insurance Code §1872.8 and shall be used solely for the purposes of enhanced investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud and economic car theft cases.

Amount of Amended Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$213,496** which is an increase of **\$15,032** above the initial funding amount. This amount has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner. However, the actual total award amount for the county is contingent on the collection and the authorization for expenditure pursuant to the Government Code §13000 et seq. The grant award shall be distributed pursuant to §1872.8 of the Insurance Code and to the California Code of Regulations Sub-Chapter 9, Article 4, §2698.65.

Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient _____ Name: Vern R. Pierson Title: District Attorney Address: 778 Pacific Street Placerville, CA 95667 Date: _____	RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner _____ Name: George Mueller Title: Deputy Commissioner Date: _____
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I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure.

Crista Hill, Budget Officer, CDI

Date