



DAVE JONES
Insurance Commissioner

August 30, 2018

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 for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Dear District Attorney Pierson:

I am pleased to report that for Fiscal Year 2018-19, \$15,259,000 is available to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices representing 38 counties. **El Dorado County** has been awarded **\$231,870** for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud and economic car theft.

The appropriation is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department in consultation with a Consumer Crime Expert from the California Highway Patrol. Each application for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with consideration given to the goals and objectives that I set as Insurance Commissioner

As a result of increased revenue, additional funding is projected to be available this fiscal year. We are currently seeking permission from the Department of Finance to proceed with a disbursement of an additional \$4,544,720. If we receive the authority to spend the full amount, an additional **\$106,660** will be awarded to your county.

Thank you for submitting your application and undertaking this effort. Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Kathleen Rooney at (916) 854-5728 if you want to discuss your application and award. Together we can make a significant impact in the fight against automobile insurance fraud in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Jones".

DAVE JONES
Insurance Commissioner

cc: James A. Clinchard, Assistant District Attorney

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**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Fiscal Year 2018-19

Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of California hereby makes an 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 project in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations and Request-for-Application (RFA).

Duration of Grant: The grant award is for the program period, **July 1, 2018** through **June 30, 2019**.

Purpose of 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 Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$231,870**. 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.

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| Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient _____ Name: Vern R. Pierson Title: District Attorney Address: 778 Pacific Street Placerville, CA 95667 Date: _____ | DAVE JONES 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