



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 Workers' Compensation 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 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$2,564,000** of which an additional **\$9,397** 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 workers' compensation insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others. 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 workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

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
Workers' Compensation 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 Section 1872.83 and shall be used solely for the purposes of enhanced investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud cases.

Amount of Amended Grant: The grant award agreed to herein is in the amount of **\$446,871** which is an increase of **\$9,397** above the initial funding amount. This amount has been determined by the Insurance Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Fraud Assessment Commission based on the estimated funds collected pursuant to Section 62.6 of the Labor Code. However, the actual total award amount for the county is contingent on the collection of assessments and the authorization for expenditure pursuant to Government Code Section 13000 et seq. The grant award shall be distributed pursuant to Section 1872.83 of the Insurance Code and the California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 3, Sections 2698.53, 2698.54, and 2698.57.

<p>Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient</p> <hr/> <p>Name: Vern R. Pierson Title: District Attorney</p> <p>Address: 778 Pacific Street Placerville, CA 95667</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner</p> <hr/> <p>Name: George Mueller Title: Deputy Commissioner</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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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