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Resolution 231-2009

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		$259,838.63
Funding		
Budgeted	$108,556	
New Funding	$150,000	
Savings	$	
Other -Interest & Carryover	$1,282.63	
Total Funding Available	$259,838.63	
Change To Net County Cost		$151,282.63

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There will be no change to net county cost for operation of this program.

Background: Since 2007 the District Attorney's Office has pursued the investigation and prosecution of economic auto theft offenders. The funding received from those efforts has dramatically increased. Below is a breakdown of the funding since 2005:

05/06	5,000
06/07	41,981
07/08	125,000
08/09	108,556
09/10	325,000

Funding has increase by $320,000 in a 5 year period.

Reason for Recommendation: The grant award received from the Department of Insurance has the potential to enable El Dorado County to enhance the economic auto theft program to unprecidented levels for this region. However, due to the District Attorney's Office drastically reduced staffing levels this county could face returning these dollars for distribution larger counties such as Los Angeles County or San Diego County.

The total grant award is for $325,000, which is $216,444 above the original budgeted revenue. At this time we are requesting the budgeted revenue and appropriations be increased by $150,000 and not the full $216,444. Due to reduced general fund contributions the District Attorney's Office cannot fully anticipate using all available funding within a 9 month period without a dramatic increase in extra help staff. On 9/23/09 the District Attorney's Office submitted to the CAO one requisition for (2) extra help investigators. Additionally, we have submitted a hiring freeze waiver and extra help request for an Investigative Assistant to assist in the increased case load.

The District Attorney's Office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors direct the CAO to approve these requisitions immediatly so that the department can proceed with filling these extra help positions.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Certified copy of signed resolution to be forwarded to District Attorney's Office for file. Grant Award Letters will be signed by District Attorney and mailed to Department of Insurance. The Auditors Office will post the budget transfer increasing the revenue and appropriations for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program.

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Concurrences: Pending review of resolution by County Counsel.

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