

County of El Dorado

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Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Adopt Resolution **143-2012** authorizing the District Attorney to execute a Grant Award Agreement with the California Department of Insurance for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program for Fiscal Year 2012/13 in the amount of \$275,000; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution **144-2012** authorizing the District Attorney to execute a Grant Award Agreement with the California Department of Insurance for the Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud Program for Fiscal Year 2012/13 in the amount of \$257,247.

FUNDING: California Department of Insurance.

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Total Estimated Cost	\$532,247
Budgeted	
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$257,247
Fraud	
Automobile Insurance	\$275,000
Fraud	
Other	
Total Funding Available	\$532,247
Change To Net County Cost	\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

There is no change to net county cost and no matching requirement relative to these grants. The District Attorney's Office anticipated and included these grant awards in the Fiscal Year 2012/13 budget addenda request.

Background

The District Attorney's Office has had the Automobile Insurance Fraud and Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud grants since Fiscal Year 2004/05. El Dorado County has been commended by the California Department of Insurance for program operation and compliance. It is through the dedicated commitment of prosecutors and investigators that fraud prevention, investigation and prosecution has been so successful over the last few years.

Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant

The District Attorney's Office actively investigates and prosecutes both auto theft and insurance fraud, and continually seeks to expand their fraud unit to initiate and prosecute additional cases. In addition, the District Attorney's Office seeks new ways to educate the community and law

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enforcement agencies on automobile insurance fraud and resources available to assist victims. The District Attorney's Office also allows citizens of El Dorado County access to the office for protection of their rights, as well as a forum to report situations of potentially illegal conduct. As a result, the automobile insurance fraud program has become a significant component of the District Attorney's consumer protection effort.

Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud Grant

The District Attorney's Office has received this grant for the past five years and continues to be active in the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud. In addition, the District Attorney's Office continues to develop and maintain relationships with outside agencies working in this field, as well as engaging in outreach to the public for the purpose of reducing violations by providing education to employers and employees.

Reason for Recommendation

A signed resolution is required for the District Attorney to sign the Grant Award Agreements with the Department of Insurance. Approval of this recommendation will allow the District Attorney's Office to continue receiving these grant funds that support their consumer protection efforts.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

Certified copy of signed resolutions 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. Original to be kept on file with the Board of Supervisors Office.

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Concurrences

County Counsel and Risk Management