THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: District Attorney BOARD AGENDA #: *B-3

AGENDA DATE: October 25, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Grant Award from the California Department of Insurance for the District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Program

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

2016-529

No.

On motion of Supervisor Wit	nrow, Se	conded by Supervisor	<u>O'Brien</u>
and approved by the following			
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, C	<u>niesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and</u>	<u>Chairman Monteith</u>	
Noes: Supervisors:			
Excused or Absent: Supervise			
Abstaining: Supervisor:	None		
1) X Approved as recom	nmended		
2) Denied			
3) Approved as amen	ded		
4) Other:			
MOTION:			

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS AGENDA ITEM

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CEO CONCL	IRRENCE:			4/5 Vote Required: \	Yes 🛛	No O	

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Grant Award from the California Department of Insurance for the District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Approve the receipt of the grant award from the California Department of Insurance for the District Attorney's Office Automobile Insurance Fraud Program in the amount of \$155,571.
- 2. Approve a formal resolution as required by the State to receive this grant.
- 3. Direct the Auditor Controller to decrease estimated revenue by \$44,011 and appropriations by \$32,270 as detailed in the Budget Journal form.

DISCUSSION:

In Fiscal Year 1996-1997, the District Attorney's Office was awarded funding approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant. Each Fiscal Year the Department receives a request for application. This will make Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the twentieth consecutive year that the District Attorney's Office will have received funding from the California Department of Insurance (DOI) for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant.

Insurance fraud affects the citizens of Stanislaus County through increased insurance rates. The District Attorney's Office is committed to the investigation and prosecution of those who commit insurance fraud; the acceptance of the California Department of Insurance's Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution grant has allowed this investigation and prosecution to occur.

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the objectives of the grant will continue to focus on economic vehicle theft and its relation to auto insurance fraud. The Criminal Investigator will continue to work with the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force.

The Auto Insurance Fraud Program budget has two allocated positions; one Criminal Investigator II that is fully funded by this grant and one Paralegal III that is currently vacant due to lack of funding. Additional funding has been used to offset the cost of a Deputy District Attorney position in the Criminal Division budget who supports the Auto Fraud Program prosecutions. This additional revenue has been included in the 2016-2017 Approved Final Page 1 of 3

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Budget. This grant also funds operating expenditures that includes wireless communications, audit expenditures, and training for the Auto Insurance Fraud Program staff.

POLICY ISSUE:

This agenda item is being submitted for Board approval in order to approve acceptance of the grant. A formal resolution is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated revenues and appropriations of \$199,582 were budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Recommended Final Budget for this grant. The Department was notified by the DOI that an award amount of \$155,571 would be received, which is \$44,011 less than anticipated in estimated revenue for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This budget unit has a fund balance of \$11,741 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and anticipates ending the Fiscal Year with a zero fund balance.

Cost of recommended action:		\$	(32,270)
Source(s) of Funding:			ana ing kana ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang
Grant Funding	(44,011)		
Funding Total:		\$	(44,011)
Use of Fund Balance		\$	11,741
Fiscal Year:	2016-2017	1 -	
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	Yes	1	
Fund Balance as of August, 2016	11,741		

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Acceptance of this grant will assist the District Attorney's Office in continuing to meet the Board of Supervisors priority of A Safe Community by investigating and prosecuting those who commit auto insurance fraud.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The grant continues to fund a Criminal Investigator II position. Currently, an unfunded Paralegal III position is allocated to this budget unit that remains vacant due to lack of funding from the DOI.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dave Harris, Assistant District Attorney

209-525-5550

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Board Resolution
- B. Budget Journal

ATTACHMENT A

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: October 25, 2016			2016-529		
,	Withrow	Seconded by Supervisor	O'Brien		
and approved by the following	vote,				
Ayes: Supervisors:	O'Brien, Chie	sa, Withrow, DeMartini, ar	nd Chairman Monteith		
Noes: Supervisors:	None				
Excused or Absent: Supervisor	rs: None				
Abstaining: Supervisor:	None				

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *B-3

STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FY 2016-2017 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors desires to continue a certain project designated AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM to be funded from funds made available through the CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CODE Section 1872.8, California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 4, Section 2698.65, administered by the DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (hereafter referred to as DOI).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Attorney of Stanislaus County is hereby authorized on its behalf to accept this grant award from DOI.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of these Grant Award Agreements, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the DOI disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, State of California

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