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Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Doug MacMaster, Chief Assistant District Attorney  
Date: July 11, 2017

Subject: Approval to Submit an Application and Execute a Grant Award for funding of Automobile Insurance Fraud

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2017/236 approving and authorizing the Chief Assistant District Attorney to submit an application and execute a grant award agreement, and any extensions or amendments thereof, pursuant to State guidelines, with the California Department of Insurance for funding of the Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program in the amount of \$1,242,171 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (State Funds - no match required).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant will partially fund salaries and benefits for Attorneys, Sr. Inspectors, a clerk, and small amounts of other staff time assigned to the program. Supplantation is prohibited.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State Legislature has determined that one of the significant factors driving up the cost of automobile insurance is fraud. While fraud is recognized as a growing problem across the country, California is an area of concerted criminal activity in insurance fraud. The

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COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **07/11/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 11, 2017

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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cc:



BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution award is allocated from a trust fund financed by an assessment per insured vehicle, payable by the insurer. A portion of the assessment amount is earmarked for distribution to County District Attorney Offices for enhanced prosecution of automobile fraud.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will be unable to apply for and accept the grant.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2017/236