



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Diana Becton, District Attorney
Date: July 28, 2020

Subject: 2020/21 Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/203 approving and authorizing the District Attorney, or designee, 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 an amount not to exceed \$606,761 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (100% State)

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$606,761. 100% State, no county match. The grant will fund salaries and benefits for Deputy District Attorneys, a Senior Inspector, a Legal Assistant, 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 Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution award is allocated from a trust fund financed by

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/28/2020** ☒ 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 28, 2020

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

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cc:

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.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/203