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County

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

Subject: 2020/21 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program Grant Application

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/204 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 the 2020/21 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,325,376 for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation fraud cases for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$1,325,376. 100% State, no County match. The grant will fund salaries and benefits for Deputy District Attorneys, Senior Inspectors, a Legal Assistant, a Forensic Accountant, 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 workers' compensation insurance is fraud. While fraud is recognized as a growing problem across the country, California is an area of concerted criminal activity

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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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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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

in insurance fraud. The cost of insurance is a factor in the high cost of doing business in the State. SB 1218 (Presley) was enacted to provide resources for enforcement of current laws. If the grant is approved, the District Attorney will continue to place staff in the criminal fraud division, who will be able to concentrate on the growing problem of workers' compensation fraud.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/204