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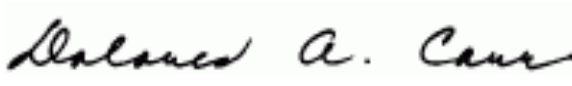
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DATE: January 13, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
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District Attorney

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (FSIA) Program.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the District Attorney, or designee, to execute a grant agreement with the state Office of Emergency Services (OES), including any documents necessary to extend or amend the Grant Award Agreement that have no fiscal implications, relating to the FSIA Program in an amount not to exceed \$41,871 for period October 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on December 31, 2009.
- b. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 099 - \$41,871 increasing revenue and expenditures in the Office of District Attorney budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no net fiscal impact resulting from this action because no General Fund contingency appropriation is being requested. The state OES has notified the District Attorney's Crime Laboratory that \$41,871 in state funding is available in FY 2009. This amount is \$2,875 less than the amount funded in the prior grant cycle. Due to uncertainty about the ongoing nature of this funding source it is requested that this be considered one-time in nature. The grant cycle spans two fiscal years (FY 2009 and FY 2010), so in June the department will ask OBA to rollover the unspent allocation into the FY 2010 budget. There is no County match required for this grant.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Crime Laboratory has received funding for forensic sciences since 2002.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

OES requires the Board of Supervisors of a county receiving a grant to authorize an official within the agency receiving the grant to execute the Grant Award Agreement, including extensions or amendments, and also to assure compliance with the terms of the grant. OES also requires the Board of Supervisors to agree the County will assume any liability arising out of the performance of the Grant Award. This transmittal is being brought forward after the start of the grant period due to the delay in the approval of the grant award agreement related to the state budget impasse.

BACKGROUND

The state OES has been awarded federal funding for education and training through the FSIA Program. These funds are to be used by each of California's local forensic laboratories for continuing education/training for forensic scientists. It is the intent of this grant program to ensure that all participants receive training to meet the standards and criteria set by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB).

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The training funds from OES will not be available for the Laboratory personnel.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Board approval, the Clerk of the Board shall notify George Doorley that the transmittal and supporting documents have been processed.

The Department will provide the Clerk of the Board with a copy of the fully executed grant award agreement and any amendments(s) to the FSIA Program.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appropriation Modification