

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 3**

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WORKERS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The State of California Budget Act of 2023 appropriated \$18 million to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to implement a Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program. This program will provide grants totaling \$8,550,000 in 2024-2025 to eligible public prosecutors. The grant funds will defray costs expended on state labor law enforcement and serve the public purpose to assist workers to combat wage theft, prevent unfair competition, and protect state revenue.

This is a request to ratify the submission of a grant application to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program for the project period August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025. This is also a request to authorize the District Attorney to accept funding from the DIR, if awarded, in the estimated amount of \$750,000 this year and in subsequent years, and to authorize the District Attorney, and/or her designee, this year and in subsequent years, to review and execute all required grant and grant related documents, including agreements and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding levels.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants, as this grant program does not recover full cost.
2. Ratify the District Attorney's submission of the grant application to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program for the project period August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.
3. Authorize the District Attorney to accept funds in the estimated amount of \$750,000 from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program this year, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.
4. Authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept funding from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations under the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program through July 31, 2030, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.

5. Authorize the District Attorney, and/or her designee, in this year and through July 31, 2023, to review and execute all required grant and grant-related documents, including agreements and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding levels.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to facilitate an equitable and transparent justice system to access legal services and information throughout San Diego's communities. To advance fairness and equity, the District Attorney's Office is committed to implementing county-wide prevention strategies which include education and awareness campaigns of workers' rights information. As part of the District Attorney's ongoing dedication to public safety, the actions in this Board Letter would provide local law enforcement services to facilitate equitable outcomes throughout San Diego's communities.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of community engagement and just and equitable access to services and resources. Locally leveraging the grant program will support the operation of the District Attorney's Workplace Justice programs to protect an equitable business climate, safeguard workers' rights and support workforce development. To prevent, prosecute, and protect San Diego communities from harm, the District Attorney's Office's use of grant funding increases organizational capacity, and leads to positive social and economic enhancements, contributing to overall regional sustainability.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Years 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved and awarded, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$808,670 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding sources are \$750,000 from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations and an estimated \$58,670 of existing General Purpose Revenue for non-reimbursable indirect costs. The District Attorney will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval of any material changes to awarded grant funds, as necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

