

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The District Attorney's Office (DAO) has a long history of utilizing grant funds to support the operation of the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Homicide Unit and impaired driving prevention activities since 2014. This is a request to authorize the DAO to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to accept the grant funding for the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) DUI grant through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2025. The estimated grant amount of \$2.5 million would be for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. In addition to continuing vertical prosecution of DUI cases, the grant would also support community education on impaired driving and provide training for local law enforcement on DUI investigations.

This is also a request to authorize the DAO to apply for and accept grant funding from OTS in subsequent years provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels. If authorized, the DAO will return to the Board of Supervisors for authorization to appropriate awarded funds as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery of grants and to the extent it requires separate applications for authority to apply for and accept grants.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept grant funds in the estimated amount of \$2.5 million for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the Driving Under the Influence program and apply for and accept grant funds in subsequent years provided there are no material changes to the grant terms or funding level.
3. Authorize the District Attorney to review and execute all required grant and grant-related documents for the Driving Under the Influence grant program, this year and in subsequent years, including agreements with other government agencies for the distribution of grant funds where necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant and any annual extension, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. This authorization would include agreements for the distribution of grant funds where necessary to carry out the purposes of each grant and any annual extension, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The District Attorney's Office is constitutionally responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal violations of state law and county ordinances. The District Attorney's Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Homicide Unit specializes in prosecuting DUI homicide and other DUI related cases. DUI cases affect all communities in San Diego and are also prevalent in cases involving youth. The DUI Homicide Unit is committed to engaging all San Diego communities in education and awareness campaigns to protect residents and prevent the tragedies associated with impaired driving. Proactive strategies will be deployed with the goal of educating the community at large, with an added focus on outreach at local schools and universities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The District Attorney's application for Office of Traffic Safety grant funding contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of safety by focusing on educating community members on the dangers of impaired driving, assisting victims and families who have been harmed by a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) driver, training law enforcement personnel in the investigation and prosecution of DUI cases.

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, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$2.5 million for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding sources are \$2.3 million from the California Office of Traffic Safety and an estimated \$0.2 million of existing General Purpose Revenue for indirect costs. Funds in subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. 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 Desmond, 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



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