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The Honorable Stacey Eads
District Attorney
Humboldt County District Attorney's Office
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

**RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Dear District Attorney Eads,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2025-26, a total of \$52,850,852 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 32 District Attorney Offices representing 41 counties, of which **Humboldt** County has been awarded a total of **\$252,865** for this important program. The available funds are comprised of \$48,875,973 in Aggregate Assessment base funds, and an additional amount of \$3,974,879 from FY 2023-24 unexpended county funds. Your County's total award is comprised of \$245,148 base award and \$7,717 additional award. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with careful consideration given to the applicant's plan to achieve the goals and objectives set by Insurance Commissioner Lara and the Fraud Assessment Commission earlier this year.

It is the California Department of Insurance's (Department) continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate workers' compensation fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others. Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a priority.

In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 grant cycle, I wanted to inform you that the Department is currently reviewing this program's grant administrative procedures with the purpose of ensuring greater accountability, heightened transparency, and effective stewardship of public funds. Any necessary changes to the grant program process and requirements will be published in the Grant Management System and included in the grant workshops conducted next year, where we will address any questions you may have.

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Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Deputy Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5062 should you have any questions regarding your award. The Local Assistance Unit will reach out to you regarding your budget.

Sincerely,



Eric Charlick
Deputy Commissioner
California Department of Insurance
Enforcement Branch

cc: Kyla Baxley, Chief Investigator