



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/16/2025

File #: 25-1402

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Attorney

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution, Acceptance of Grant Funding From the California Department of Insurance through the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program and Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$22,865 for the District Attorney Budget, 1100-205 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Humboldt County District Attorney, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all agreements, amendments, modifications, certifications, attestations, and other documents necessary to secure, accept and reapply for grant funding made available by the California Department of Insurance through the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program; and
2. Approve the attached Supplemental Budget for the District Attorney budget, 1100-205, in the amount of \$22,865 (4/5 Vote Required); and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed, certified copy of the attached resolution to the District Attorney's Office for submission to the California Department of Insurance.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities and Core Services

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office has partnered with both the Del Norte and Trinity County District Attorney's Offices for the purpose of developing and operating a regional Insurance Fraud Unit. The regional Insurance Fraud Unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting workers' compensation fraud and providing community outreach regarding identification and reporting of insurance fraud in all three regional areas.

On July 16, 2025, the California Department of Insurance awarded the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office grant funding through the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program in the amount of \$252,865 to allow for the continued operation of the regional Insurance Fraud Unit during fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

This is the fifteenth (15th) year the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office has participated in the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. The grant funding made available thereunder will be used locally to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) District Attorney Investigator position and a one-half (0.5) FTE Deputy District Attorney position that will be assigned to the regional Insurance Fraud Unit.

To participate in the program and receive grant awarded funding the Board must adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Humboldt County District Attorney, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all agreements, amendments, certifications, attestations and other documents necessary to secure, accept and reapply for grant funding made available by the California Department of Insurance through the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:
California Department of Insurance

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100-205)	FY25-26 Adopted
Budgeted Expenses	\$230,000.00
Additional Appropriation	\$22,865.00
Total Expenditures	\$252,865.00
Funding Sources (1100-205)	FY25-26 Adopted
State/Federal Funds	\$252,865.00
Total Funding Sources	\$252,865.00

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

As noted above, acceptance of the grant funding made available by the California Department of Insurance through the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program will allow the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office to be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$252,865 for services performed in accordance with the scope of work described in the grant agreement for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The original anticipated grant amount of \$230,000 was included in the approved FY 2025-26 budget for District Attorney budget, 1100-205. As a result, acceptance of the original grant award and additional grant funding for a total of \$252,865 will create a supplemental budget of \$22,865. This additional funding will be used to supplement overtime, outreach, office supplies and enhance staff development and training costs.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Authorization to accept the funding made available by the California Department of Insurance will allow the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office to continue funding one FTE District Attorney Investigator position and a (.50) one-half FTE Deputy District Attorney position.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Insurance

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Humboldt County District Attorney, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all agreements, amendments, certifications, attestations and other documents necessary to secure, accept and reapply for grant funding made available by the California Department of Insurance through the Workers’ Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. However, this alternative is not recommended since it does not allow for the continued operation of the regional Insurance Fraud Unit.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Award Letter
2. Supplemental Budget Request
3. Resolution

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: December 17, 2024

File No.: 25-46