

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,678.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025, AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the Nevada County District Attorney's Office applied for and has been awarded Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Grant Funds by the California Department of Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Grant Funds in the amount of \$76,678.00 have been made available for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud program will be funded in part from funds made available through the Workers' Compensation- California Insurance Code Section 1872.83, California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.55 et seq. and administered by the California Department of Insurance; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of the Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency and the State of California and the California Department of Insurance disclaim responsibility for any such liability; and

WHEREAS, the Grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant existing expenditures controlled by this body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be adopted by a majority by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that accepts the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Grant Funds in the amount of \$76,678.00 for use from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, to investigate and prosecute workers' compensation insurance fraud, and authorizes the District Attorney to execute all necessary contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments for the purposes of securing these grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application and also directing the Auditor Controller to amend the fiscal year 24/25 budget as follows.

Increase Revenue 0101 20103 101 1000/ 445090	\$5,818.00
Increase Expenditures	
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>August 2024</u>, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,

Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes:

None.

Absent:

None.

Abstain:

None.

Recuse:

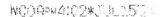
None.

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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July 9, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Wilson District Attorney Nevada County District Attorney's Office 201 Commercial Street Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Dear District Attorney Wilson,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, a total of \$52,479,138 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 33 District Attorney Offices representing 43 counties, of which **Nevada** County has been awarded a total of \$76,678 for this important program. The available funds are comprised of \$47,098,665 in Aggregate Assessment base funds, and an additional amount of \$5,380,473 from FY 2022-23 unexpended county funds. Your County's total award is comprised of \$70,382 base award and \$6,296 additional award. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department staff, in consultation with the California Fraud Assessment Commission. 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 me and the Fraud Assessment Commission earlier this year.

It is my 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 of mine.

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 contact you regarding budget approvals in the post award system.

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.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA Insurance Commissioner

cc: Henry Penaluna, Chief DA Investigator

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