

September 6, 2024

The Honorable Brooke Jenkins District Attorney San Francisco County District Attorney's Office 350 Rhode Island Street North Building, Suite 400N San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Grant Award for Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27

Dear District Attorney Jenkins:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27, the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program has \$6,841,000 available to distribute each Fiscal Year to eight District Attorney Offices. **San Francisco County** has been awarded \$397,630, \$397,630, and \$397,630 for each of the Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27. This grant award is to be used for the coordinated program efforts targeted at the investigation and prosecution of organized automobile fraud activity.

The appropriation is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate organized automobile fraud across California. It is important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system. 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) 278-5000 should you have any questions regarding your award. The Local Assistance Unit will reach out to you regarding your budget approvals in the new 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 organized automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely

RICARDO LARA

Insurance Commissioner

cc: Tina Nunes Ober, Managing Attorney/Program Director

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