

2020212000—DA-Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution

Law & Justice

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General Fund	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Adjusted	2019-2020 Requested	2019-2020 Recommended	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures					
Services & Supplies	\$287,882	\$266,507	\$289,781	\$289,781	\$23,274
Centrally-Budgeted Expenses	301	246	479	479	233
Total Appropriations	\$288,183	\$266,753	\$290,260	\$290,260	\$23,507
Earned Revenues By Source					
Aid From Other Governments	\$288,660	\$266,753	\$290,260	\$290,260	\$23,507
Total Revenues	\$288,660	\$266,753	\$290,260	\$290,260	\$23,507
Net County Cost	(\$477)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Purpose

The Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution program provides State funding for the District Attorney to investigate and prosecute automobile insurance fraud cases. Funds are provided through a special surcharge collected by the State Insurance Commission on automobile insurance policies. Funding levels are based on San Joaquin County's proportionate share of the State population and the proportionate share of automobile insurance suspected fraudulent claims submitted to the California Department of Insurance, Fraud Division.

Major Budget Changes

Services & Supplies

- \$17,421 Increase in labor costs reimbursed to District Attorney's main budget.
- \$9,616 Increase in administrative costs.
- (\$4,743) Decrease in fleet services costs.

Revenues

- \$23,507 Increase in State funding.

Program Discussion

The 2019-2020 recommended Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution budget totals \$290,260, which is an increase of \$23,507 from the 2018-2019 adjusted budget. The change reflects an increase in labor and administrative costs, offset with a decrease in fleet services costs. The budget provides funding for 55% of a Deputy District Attorney, 20% of a District Attorney Investigator, 15% of a District Attorney Investigative Assistant, and 20% of a Paralegal, all of whom are allocated in the District Attorney's main budget. Also included in this budget are the cost of communications, trainings, vehicle usage, audit expenses, and administrative charges.

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Workload Data

	-----Actual-----			Est./Act. 2018-2019	Projected 2019-2020
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
<i>Auto Insurance Fraud Cases</i>					
<i>Referrals</i>	56	61	63	67	50
<i>Convictions</i>	12	14	15	13	10
<i>Misdemeanor</i>					
<i>Award/Value of Convictions</i>	\$11,366	\$13,389	\$3,237	\$3,237	\$3,400
<i>Fines</i>	\$235	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Felony</i>					
<i>Award/Value of Convictions</i>	\$24,379	\$10,783	\$47,828	\$47,828	\$40,000
<i>Fines</i>	\$0	\$590	\$1,285	\$1,285	\$0
<i>Declined Cases</i>	8	7	7	7	7
<i>Still Investigating</i>	6	5	5	4	6