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Ms. Kim Garcia, Assistant Director of Administration
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Dear Ms. Garcia:

Final Report—City of Norco, Office of Traffic Safety Grant Audit

The Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, has completed its audit of the City of Norco (City) DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program AL0713 for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008.

The enclosed report is for your information and use. Because there were no audit observations or issues requiring a response, we are issuing the report as final. This report will be placed on our website.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the City. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kimberly Tarvin, Manager, or Alma Ramirez, Supervisor, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Chief, Office of State Audits and Evaluations

Enclosure

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AUDIT REPORT

City of Norco

DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program
Grant Agreement AL0713

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BACKGROUND, SCOPE, METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS

BACKGROUND

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is charged with the responsibility of obtaining and distributing federal funds in an effort to carry out the direction of the National Highway Traffic Safety Act. The federal funds are designed to mitigate traffic safety problems as defined by the Highway Safety Plan. Currently, there are eight program priority areas earmarked for grant funding: Alcohol and Other Drugs, Occupant Protection, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Traffic Records, Roadway Safety, Motorcycle Safety, and Police Traffic Services. The OTS allocates funds to local government agencies to implement these programs via grant awards.¹

The City of Norco (City) received a grant from OTS to implement a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement and Awareness program to reduce the persons killed and injured in alcohol related traffic collisions. The funded strategies include DUI/Driver's License checkpoints, DUI roving patrols, Hot Sheet program development, and stakeout operations concentrating on repeat DUI offenders.²

SCOPE

In accordance with an interagency agreement, the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, conducted a performance audit of the grant.

<u>Grant Agreement</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Award</u>
AL0713	October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008	\$401,163

The audit objectives were to determine whether the City's expenditures claimed were in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant requirements; and to determine whether the grant goals and objectives were completed as required. In order to design adequate procedures to conduct our audit, we obtained an understanding of the relevant internal controls. We did not assess the efficiency or effectiveness of program operations.

The City's is responsible for ensuring accurate financial reporting and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant requirements. OTS is responsible for the state-level administration of the grant program.

¹ Excerpts from www.OTS.ca.gov.

² Excerpts from grant agreement AL073.

METHODOLOGY

To determine whether grant expenditures were in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the grant requirements; and if the grant goals and objectives were completed as required, we performed the following procedures:

- Interviewed key personnel to obtain an understanding of the grant-related internal controls.
- Examined the grant files, the grant agreement, and applicable policies and procedures.
- Reviewed the City's accounting records, contracts, and vendor invoices.
- Selected a sample of expenditures to determine if costs were allowable, grant-related, incurred within the grant period, supported by accounting records, and properly recorded.
- Performed procedures to determine if other revenue sources were used to reimburse expenditures already reimbursed with grant funds.
- Evaluated whether a sample of grant goals and objectives required by the grant agreement were met.

The results of the audit are based on our review of documentation, other information made available to us, and interviews with staff directly responsible for administering grant funds. The audit was conducted from January 2011 through November 2011.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

RESULTS

Based on the audit procedures performed, the City was in compliance with the requirements of the grant agreement. No observations or questioned costs were identified. The Schedule of Claimed and Questioned amounts is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Schedule of Claimed and Questioned Amounts

Category	Claimed¹
Contractual Services	\$348,759
Equipment	38,872
Other Direct Costs	10,183
Total Expenditures	\$397,814

¹ Grantee was awarded \$401,163, but only claimed \$397,814.