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

**Final Report—San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Traffic Safety Grant Audit**

The Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, has completed its audit of the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency's (County) Keep'Em Safe Program grant OP1001, for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

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 County. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kimberly Tarvin, Manager, or Rick Cervantes, Supervisor, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosure

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AUDIT REPORT

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San Diego County  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Keep 'Em Safe Program  
Grant Agreement OP1001

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# BACKGROUND, SCOPE, METHODOLOGY, AND RESULTS

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## 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. OTS allocates funds to local government agencies to implement these programs via grant awards<sup>1</sup>.

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (County) received a grant from OTS to implement the Keep'Em Safe Program. This program will raise awareness and knowledge about childhood safety and promote utilization of proven safety behaviors and devices, development and implementation of injury risk assessments, parent education materials and resource information, product demonstration and distribution, and infant and child safety seat inspections and installations<sup>2</sup>.

## SCOPE

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

| <u>Grant Agreement</u> | <u>Grant Period</u>                        | <u>Award</u> |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| OP1001                 | October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 | \$207,000    |

The audit objectives were to determine whether the County's grant 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 County's management 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpts from [www.OTS.ca.gov](http://www.OTS.ca.gov).

<sup>2</sup> Excerpts from grant agreement OP1001.

## 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 County'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 September 2011 through December 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 County was in compliance with the requirements of the grant agreement. No observations or questioned costs were identified. The Schedule of Claimed amounts is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Schedule of Claimed Amounts**

| <b>Grant Agreement OP1001<br/>For the Period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010</b> |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Category</b>   | <b>Claimed<sup>3</sup></b> |
| Travel Expenses   | \$ 410                     |
| Contractual Services  | 199,480                    |
| Indirect Costs  | 5,984                      |
| Total Expenditures  | \$205,874                  |

<sup>3</sup> Grant award was \$207,000 but only \$205,874 was claimed.