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Dear Ms. Garcia:

Final Report—Orange County Superior Court, Office of Traffic Safety Grant Audit

The Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, has completed its audit of the Orange County Superior Court's (Court) DUI Court Program grant AL1038 for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosure

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AUDIT REPORT

Orange County Superior Court
Orange County DUI Court Program
Grant Agreement AL1038

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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. OTS allocates funds to local government agencies to implement these programs via grant awards¹.

The Orange County Superior Court (Court) received a \$826,678 grant from OTS to continue and expand operations of the Orange County Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court program to a fourth location. The DUI Court Program provides repeat DUI offenders with treatment in combination with education, judicial monitoring, formal probation supervision, and frequent alcohol/drug testing.²

SCOPE

In accordance with an interagency agreement, the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, audited grant agreement AL1038 for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

The audit objectives were to determine whether the Orange County Superior Court's grant expenditures claimed were in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant requirements; and to determine whether the grant objectives were completed as required. We did not assess the efficiency or effectiveness of program operations.

The Orange County Superior Court 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.

¹ Excerpts from www.OTS.ca.gov

² Excerpts from grant agreement AL1038

METHODOLOGY

To determine whether grant expenditures were in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the grant requirements; and if the grant 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 Court's accounting records, subcontract invoices, and subcontractor timesheets.
- 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 objectives required by the grant agreement were met.

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

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.

Based on the procedures performed, the grant expenditures claimed were in compliance with the requirements of the grant agreement and grant objectives were completed as required. The Schedule of Claimed Amounts is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Schedule of Claimed Amounts

Grant Agreement AL1038	
Category	Claimed³
Contractual Services	\$813,663
Total Expenditures	\$813,663

³ OTS awarded \$826,678; however, the grantee only claimed \$813,663.