



FY 25-26 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

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California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GRANT APPLICATION

The grant period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Amount to be Awarded: \$15,259,000

Application Deadline: June 25, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

Online Application Process

For the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, application submission is via the online Grant Management System (GMS).

Applicants will follow a series of steps to submit electronic applications:

1. Log into your Applicant Profile. If you need assistance, please contact LAU@insurance.ca.gov
2. Review the Attachments in the Announcement link
3. Select Apply/Resume to answer applicant questions (only one program application per county may be opened)
4. Upload requested documents
5. Complete the Application Questions
6. Complete a Budget Template
7. Complete the Program Report (DAR Statistical Report) using the link provided in the application
8. Submit the application in GMS

For navigation or technical assistance during this application process, please contact applicantsupport@grantvantage.com. Assistance is available Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, PST, except state and federal holidays.

For subject matter assistance, please contact the Automobile Program Analyst at (916) 854-5818, or email LAU@insurance.ca.gov and indicate "Application Support" in the subject line. Local Assistance Unit (LAU) assistance is available 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday, except state and federal holidays.

Applicants are advised not to wait until the deadline to ask submittal questions since GrantVantage and the LAU cannot guarantee immediate response.

Background

This application is issued to all district attorneys in the State of California pursuant to authority granted to the Insurance Commissioner under the provisions of California Insurance Code § 1872.8.

Under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner, CDI administers the grant program(s). The criteria for the distribution of Automobile funds to district attorneys for enhanced investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud cases, including the application process and subsequent reporting requirements, are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, § 2698.60, et seq.

Pursuant to the California Insurance Code, the application for funding and related documents are public records and subject to public disclosure under Public Records Act ("PRA") requests and subpoenas. Information concerning active or inactive criminal investigations shall be treated as confidential and must be put only in the confidential Investigation Case Reporting section. **Do not submit confidential investigation information in any other part of this application.**

If, during the term of the grant award, the state funds appropriated for the purposes of the grant award are reduced, eliminated, or otherwise restricted by the Governor's Administration and/or State Legislature, or in the event revenues are not collected at the level assessed, CDI may immediately terminate or reduce the grant award by written notice to the grantee. However, no such termination or reduction shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the grantee to the extent that state funds are available for payment of such costs.

If, at the end of the prior grant period(s), CDI determines that there is unspent and/or additional funding available, the Commissioner may consider requesting additional budget authority and distributing these funds.

The Grant Application

For purposes of the grant application process and Grant Award Agreement, the term "application" refers to the grant application and its Funding Announcement Attachments including, but not limited to, the Budget Instructions, Grant Requirements, and Fact Sheets.

When completing the application, you shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and the grant application instructions and attachments.

Please note that no verbal information given will be binding upon CDI unless such information is issued in writing as an official addendum or an official clarification of application requirements.

The grant application shall be submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, to be considered for funding for FY 2025-2026.

Information Sessions

The Enforcement Branch has a pre-recorded online webinar to present the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Insurance Fraud Grant Programs and the Application process. The webinar will be available on the CDI website on the Insurance Fraud Grant Programs page:

<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0300-fraud/0500-insurance-fraud-grant-programs/>

Workshops will be held to address changes, common errors, and questions regarding the FY 2025-2026 Application process. **Attendance by those with responsibility for grant writing, fiscal matters, and statistical reporting is strongly encouraged.**

The workshops will be held at the following locations (see dates below) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

- March 12, 2025 (Sacramento - EBHQ, Training Room)
- March 18, 2028 (Inland Empire Regional Office - Conference Room)

For information, email: LAU@insurance.ca.gov and indicate “**Grant Workshop**” in the subject line.