FRESNO COUNTY INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

SB 621/SB 288 – Special Distribution Fund Local Government Impact Mitigation Funding

APPLICATION FORM For FY 2006-2007 Grants Due February 9, 2007

A.	name of Jurisdiction/Agency: <u>Fres</u>	and County District Attorney	
B.	Mailing Address: 2220	Tulare Street, Suite 1000	
	Fres	sno, CA 93721	
C.	Name of Project:Indian Gaming Mitigation Proposal (attach brief project description and effect on impacts)		
D.	Impacts Associated with Which Casino? <u>Table Mountain Rancheria and Big Sandy Rancheria</u>		
E.	Request is for: Single-	year grant	
	<u>xx</u> Multi-y <u>and 2007-08</u>	ear grant for Fiscal Years:_2006-07	
F.	Time Frame for Project Start/Completion: _7/1/07-6/30/08		
G.	Funding Request Through This Application: \$ 877,398		
H.	Total Estimated Cost of Project: \$_Ongoing		
l.	List Other Sources and Amounts of Funding (Cash or In-Kind) to be Contributed to the Project: None		
J.	Will the Project be Competitively Bid?		
K.	Please Check the Statutory Funding Priority Addressed by This Project:		
	XX Law Enforcement	Fire Services	

Plannir	nmental Impacts ng & Adjacent Land Uses oral Health		Waste Disposal Public Health Roads		
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Recrea	tion & Youth Programs		Child Care Programs		
The Board of Supervisors requires County Departments to provide a historical statistical analysis with each application that includes a request for continued staff funding. This analysis should demonstrate the effect prior Indian Gaming funding awards have had on Fresno County (i.e., how many cases filed, how many cases defended, how many calls for service, etc). Any requests for staff funding must also include a detailed salary and benefits breakdown. <u>Unit activities during our last funding period included the investigation and prosecution of twenty-seven felony cases as well as seventeen misdemeanors.</u>					
Crime types include theft, embezzlement, drug possession, sales and transportation, DUI, counterfeiting, identity theft, burglary, arson and forgery.					
Government Code Section 12715(h)(i) provides: A local government jurisdiction that is a recipient of a grant from an Individual County Tribal Casino Account or a County Tribal Casino Account shall provide notice to the public, either through a slogan, signage, or other mechanism, stating that the local government project has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifying the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant derives.					
If your project is awarded funding, please describe your plan to provide the proper tribal recognition: _The District Attorney has signs in the lobbies of the 9 th and 10 th floor of the County Plaza recognizing the funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, the Table Mountain Rancheria and the Big Sandy Rancheria.					
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____ Emergency Medical Services ____ Water Supplies

Return completed application to:
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FRESNO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Application For SB 621/SB 288 - Special Distribution Fund Local Government Impact Mitigation Funding

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office is seeking funding from the County Tribal Casino Account to help combat the problems associated with identity theft and crimes involving fictitious documents such as forgery and counterfeiting. The funding sought would also be utilized to continue financing prosecutions and investigations consistent with last year's funding authorization.

Identity theft is generally considered the fastest growing "white collar" crime in the country. Statistics prove that the identity theft epidemic has hit Fresno County. In 2004, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed 71 cases with at least one count of identity theft. By 2006, that number had grown to 133 cases, an 87 percent increase. The California Office of Privacy Protection estimates that consumers victimized by identity theft spend an average of 175 hours and 800 dollars attempting to clear their credit and the efforts typically take two to four years.

Cases involving fraudulent documents such as forgery or counterfeiting have a profoundly deleterious effect on the local economy. Victims include businesses who accept the fictitious instruments and businesses and individuals whose checks are forged. The recipient of the fictitious instruments parts with property or money in exchange for a worthless piece of paper with no recourse to recoup the loss. Businesses and individuals whose checks and documents are forged often are subject to collection efforts for a debt they did not incur.

Prosecutions for identity theft and fictitious document cases are legally and logistically complex and therefore time consuming. Often they involve multiple witnesses and multiple victims. Funding a prosecution team to handle these types of cases would greatly benefit the effective administration of justice in a number of different ways. Prosecutors who handle these cases would develop the skills and knowledge to better address the complexity and often hi-tech nature of these white collar prosecutions. Currently the vast majority of these cases need to be assigned to the general felony trial teams. Assigning complex

white collar crimes to a separate team would free up significant time of the prosecutors handling general felonies. This would allow the general felony teams to be more effective and timely in their handling of cases (an important factor in light of jail overcrowding issues).

Funding is being sought for three prosecutors, one senior investigator, one investigative assistant and one office assistant. Investigative personnel funded by the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund will be available to act as a liaison to and provide training and assistance to the tribal police departments of any tribe with an Individual Tribal Casino Account. Assistance will include the receipt and review of citizen complaints.