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OES SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR CALGRIP INITIATIVE FUNDING

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is seeking a request for allocation (RFA) and three requests for proposals (RFPs) for funding now available through the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (GRIP) Program.

The purpose of the GRIP Program is to provide grants to cities and community-based organizations for gang prevention, intervention, re-entry, education, job training and skills development, family and community services, and suppression activities. *For more, see Page 2.*



INJUNCTION AGAINST UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM LIFTED

On Oct. 18, the U.S. District Court lifted the injunction which prohibited the State Controller's Office (SCO) from accepting, taking title to, or taking possession of any unclaimed property. The injunction had been issued until new laws were passed that allowed the state controller to notify owners that property, unless claimed, would be transferred to the state. *For more, see Page 2.*



CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD REORGANIZES

In July, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) reorganized, folding four divisions into two larger programs - Sustainability and Waste Compliance & Mitigation. The new structure is in-part aimed at simplifying the interaction between CIWMB and its stakeholders. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The RFPs and RFA are available electronically on the OES Web site at www.oes.ca.gov, under the links for "Law Enforcement" and "Victim Services Division/RFP Funding Information."

Questions concerning the GRIP Program should be directed to Kirby Everhart, chief, Crime and Gangs Branch, at (916) 327-3687, or via e-mail to kirby.everhart@oes.ca.gov.

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State Controller John Chiang's office worked throughout the summer to reform the unclaimed property system and succeeded in getting legislation passed to remove legal obstacles that prevented his office from contacting owners of unclaimed property.

"I am pleased our reforms both satisfied the court, and coupled with common sense administrative changes, show progress in reuniting rightful owners with their unclaimed property," Chiang said in a statement. "Within the first week of being able to provide notices to owners of their state-held valuables, we sent notices to 99,086 Californians. Without the new laws, we would not have been able to send 77,078 of those letters."

As a reminder, however, the changes enacted under one of those new laws, SB 86 (Budget Committee), are now in effect. Holders of unclaimed property may not deliver property with the reports that are due with it before Nov. 1, 2007 (May 1, 2008 for life insurance companies).

Reporting instructions and guidelines were updated in August to reflect the new reporting requirements under SB 86 for the reports due before Nov. 1. These instructions and guidelines remain in effect.

The following summarizes those requirements:

- A holder's responsibility to notify owners of their property six to 12 months before the property becomes reportable is still in effect (reference California Code of Civil Procedure sections 1513.5, 1516[d] and 1520[b]).
- Holders are required to file a report before Nov. 1, 2007 (before May 1, 2008 for life insurance companies) without remitting or delivering the property.
- SCO will send notices to the owners with property valued at \$50 or more within 165 days after the due dates of the reports. The notices will direct the owners to the holder to recover their property.
- Holders will remit remaining unclaimed property with reports from June 1 through June 15, 2008 (from Dec. 1 through Dec. 15, 2008 for life insurance companies). Instructions for the remit reports are currently in development and will be released in the near future. Please continue to check the SCO Web site at www.sco.ca.gov for further updates.

Please refer to reporting instructions and guidelines on the SCO Web site at for more information. Questions regarding the state's unclaimed property system should be directed to the Unclaimed Property Reporting Unit at (916) 464-6284 or ucpreporting@sco.ca.gov.

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Under the previous structure, stakeholders interacted with numerous CIWMB program staff for local jurisdictional programs; special waste issues such as used oil, tires, or household hazardous waste; and markets division topics such as green building, organics, plastics or landfill/transfer station concerns.

A large number of CIWMB staff that worked on these issues merged into the new Local Assistance and Market Development Division (LAMDD). LAMDD is one of the new divisions of the Sustainability Program. LAMDD is divided into four branches with regional responsibilities (North,

Central, Bay Area, and South). A list of specific staff territory assignments is available at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/OLA/Contacts.asp>.

The reorganization provides for more effective delivery of services and assistance to CIWMB's primary customers in local governments, state agencies, businesses, and the public, while maintaining California's high environmental standards. This new structure allows CIWMB staff to respond more quickly and comprehensively to local needs and to foster cooperative efforts between public and private sector programs.

Senate Local Government Committee Circulates Laws on 'Development After Disasters'

With the widespread fires raging in Southern California, the Senate Local Government Committee this week has passed around a two-page list of laws regarding "development after disasters." The information is being presented in order to help those localities affected by the fires answer questions that may arise as they look to rebuild.

To download the list, visit www.cacities.org/dadlaws. The Senate Local Government Committee encourages cities to use the information in any helpful way as communities rebuild after recent events.

League Legislative Briefings Scheduled for November

The League of California Cities is hosting two briefing sessions in November. Scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 28, in Pasadena and Thursday, Nov. 29, in San Jose, these identical briefings will focus on bills of note to city officials that passed in the previous legislative session.

Tentative session topics will include:

- Implementation of the State Infrastructure Bond Package
- The fate of ACA 8 and pending initiatives—What's next on eminent domain and regulatory takings
- Climate Change: ARB Regulations, SB 375 (Steinberg), the attorney general's lawsuits, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines: Are you ready for this kind of "green heat?"
- Growing Pains: Legislation affecting redevelopment, flood control, environmental issues, housing and land use
- Employee relations and workers compensation
- Sex offender management, gang abatement, and prison overcrowding: local implications

The cost of attendance is \$140, which includes a luncheon. Registration and further information is available at www.cacities.org/events.

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