Department of Finance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

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Legal Title

DNA Identification Fund

Legal Citation/Authority

Proposition 69, November 2, 2004

Government Code sections 76104.6 (b)(2)

Fund Classification

GAAP Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

Fund Classification

Legal Basis

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

Purpose

For the purpose of implementing the DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act, there is levied an additional penalty by the courts in each county which will be collected together with and in the same manner as the amounts established by Section 1464 of the Penal Code, upon every fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses, including all offenses involving a violation of the Vehicle Code or any local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code.

The penalty amounts will be collected by the counties and deposited into a DNA Identification Fund, established within each county treasury. This money, along with any interest earned, will be held by the county treasurer until transferred to the State Controller for credit to the State's DNA Identification Fund, as specified pursuant to Government Code sections 76104.6 (b)(2) and 76104.7 (b).

The DNA Identification Fund was created within the State Treasury to deposit the penalties collected to be used by the Attorney General only to support DNA testing in the state and to offset the impacts of increased testing. Its scope is further expanded to fund the operations of all of the Department of Justice forensic laboratories.

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of Justice/Org 0820

Major Revenue Source

- Additional penalty imposed in accordance with Government Code section 76104.6 (a)(1).
- Additional state-only penalty imposed in accordance with Government Code section 76104.7 (a).
- Interest earned while money is held by county treasurers.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any remaining balance and existing obligations in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority

Upon appropriation by the Legislature.

State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded—Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from fines and penalties.

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Comments/Historical Information

Initiative Statute – 2004 (Proposition 69)

Pursuant to Government Code section 76104.6 (e): "Upon approval of the DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act, the Legislature shall lend the Department of Justice General Fund in the amount of \$7,000,000 for purposes of implementing that act."

Pursuant to Penal Code section 290.3 (b), as amended by Chapter 699, Statutes of 2008 (SB 1241), which states in part, "... 25 percent shall be transferred to the DNA Identification Fund, as established by Section 76104.6 of the Government Code...".

April 2021: Updated the Purpose and Major Revenue Source section to remove references to specific allocations, which change over time.

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