Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Plot of residual activity of *Lucilia cuprina* (*Lc*αE7; red) and *Lc*αE7-4 (blue). Points are averages of three measurements; protein was incubated at the temperatures indicated for 15 min before being placed on ice. Activity was measured with 4-nitrophenyl butyrate and converted to a percentage of maximum activity.



Fig. S2. Size exclusion chromatography of *L*cαE7-4. Pure LcαE7-4 protein (postaffinity chromatography) was loaded onto a Sephacryl S300 column. Protein eluted in three peaks. Peak A corresponds to a high-molecular weight aggregate and did not crystallize in any condition tested. Peak B crystallized as dimeric *L*cαE7-4. Peak C crystallized as monomeric *L*cαE7-4.



Fig. S3. Cartoon of the *L*cαE7 dimer from (*A*) the side and (*B*) above the active site. The N-terminal membrane association helix is colored blue, the N-terminal one-half of the protein is colored cyan, and the C-terminal one-half is colored red. The locations of stabilizing mutations are shown as spheres (cyan, M364L; magenta, I419F; green, A472T; yellow, I505T; blue, K530E; red, D554G). The biological dimer is pictured, and the dimerization interface is highlighted.



Fig. S4. Stabilizing mutations accumulated through directed evolution. The mutations that accumulated are represented as sticks. All mutations were located in the C-terminal one-half of the protein, with M364L, K530E, and D554G being surface-exposed. I419F, I505T, and A472T are located in the interior of the protein.



Fig. S5. The $Lc\alpha$ E7-diethylphosphate complex. Electron density around $Lc\alpha$ E7 is shown as a blue surface and contoured at 1.5 σ . Omit electron density corresponding to phosphorylation of Ser218 is shown as green surface and contoured at 3 σ .

Table S1.	Primer sequences used in this work	

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')										
E31	CGC AAG	CTT	CAT	ATG	AAT	TTC	AAC	GTT	AGT	TTG	
E32	CGG GTC	GAC	GAA	TTC	TTA	CTA	AAA	TAA	ATC	TCT	ATG
E33	gaa aaa	TAG	ACC	CTC	GTA	TGA	AGT	GTT	ACC	CAT	
E34	ATG GGT	AAC	ACT	TCA	TAC	GAG	GGT	CTA	TTT	TTC	
pET1	CGA CTC	ACT	ATA	GGG	AGA	CCA	CAA	С			
pET2	CCT TTC	GGG	CTT	TGT	TAG	CAG					

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