



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 3/15/11
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund Grant Submittal

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the submittal of grants for the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund in the following order:

- A. Submittal by the Sheriff for law enforcement patrol services; and,
- B. Submittal by the Fire Chief for fire suppression and emergency medical services.

Summary Text:

On January 10, 2011, the County received notification from the State Controller that \$30 million was allocated from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (IGSDF) to restore funding deleted from the Budget Act of 2007. The amount allocated to the County's Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (IGLCBC) is \$1,469,883.96. The purpose of the IGSDF is to provide grants to local jurisdictions impacted by tribal gaming. The County has historically been awarded grants for fire suppression and emergency medical response and patrol services rendered by the County Fire and Sheriff Departments. The item before the Board is to authorize the Sheriff and Fire Departments to submit grants for these services.

Background:

The IGSDF is intended to mitigate the impacts of gaming on local governments. Of the \$1,469,883.96 available this year, 60% (\$881,930.38) is awarded to jurisdictions meeting a nexus test based on the geographical proximity of a local jurisdiction to an individual Indian land upon which a tribal casino is located and 40% (\$587,953.58) is allocated for discretionary grants. Priorities for the use of the grant funds include law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, water supplies, waste disposal, behavioral, health, planning and adjacent land uses, public health, roads, recreation and youth programs, and child care programs. The IGLCBC, which consist of representatives

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from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, the County, the City of Solvang, and two at-large members that currently are elected officials from the Cities of Buellton and Solvang, will meet to review the grant applications and award funds. The State Controller must be notified of the approved use of funds by May 13, 2011. The Sheriff's Department proposes to submit a grant for law enforcement coverage for 24/7 patrols at and near the casino. This level of service equates to five deputy sheriff positions for a cost of \$675,000. Patrols respond to calls at or near the casino as well as serve as a deterrent for possible crimes in the area.

The County Fire Department proposes to submit a grant for the 4th firefighter/paramedic post position at Station #32 in Santa Ynez for a cost of \$524,000. The additional staffing at the Station is in response to the increased number of calls responded to at and near the casino.

The combined County request for funding totals \$1,199,000. The total IGLCBC allocation is \$1,469,883.96, which is allocated to the County, the City of Solvang and other governmental entities. Given the funding constraints, the County Executive Officer recommends that grants be submitted in the following order: (1) law enforcement patrol services and (2) fire suppression and emergency medical services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The Fire and Sheriff Departments have included the receipt of these funds in their FY 10-11 budgets. Receipt of the grant funds will cover costs incurred this year for these services.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: As noted within the 2010 Fiscal Issues Report, without this funding, the Fire Department would need to either acquire other source of funding, redirect Fire District or General Fund monies to fund the 4th firefighter or reduce staffing level to 3 firefighters at this station. Without this funding, the Sheriff's Department would either need to acquire other sources of funding, redirect General Fund monies or reduce or eliminate law enforcement patrols.

Staffing Impacts:

The Fire Department uses one post (3 FTE) to ensure 24/7 coverage. The Sheriff's Department uses 5 FTE to ensure 24/7 coverage.

cc: Bill Brown, Sheriff
Chief Michal Dyer, Fire Department