



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 5/19/2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Bill Brown Ext. 4290
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$302,791 Grant for Operation Stonegarden

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: **N/A**

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a). Accept a \$302,791 sub-grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the San Diego Sheriff's Department.
- b). Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5), in that it is a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On or about March 11, 2015, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was awarded grant funding of \$302,791 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as a sub-grantee of the San Diego Sheriff's Department, for our participation in Operation Stonegarden program (OPSG) during Federal fiscal year 2014 (10/1/2014 through 09/30/2015). The OPSG program enhances law enforcement resources and capabilities that are directed toward the detection and investigation of transnational smuggling crimes, which are occurring on a regular basis via the Santa Barbara County coastline. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will use the grant funds to

pay for personnel overtime, operating expenses and FEMA-OPSG approved equipment that are incurred in furtherance of the OPSG program.

Background:

Historically, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties were highly favored target locations for alien and drug smuggling organizations bringing illegal drugs, via boat, to the United States. Over the past few years, this maritime based transnational smuggling threat evolved and progressed to the point that it is now regularly affecting the coastlines of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. In order to raise the level of boarder security and reduce the threat of border-related crime, OPSG seeks to increase the overall law enforcement presence and special operations capabilities in rural and coastal areas to address and reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling.

This grant will allow the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office to regularly deploy personnel and other resources in an effort to better protect our communities from this increasing criminal threat and in furtherance of the OPSG objectives. The OPSG grant funding will also allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment needed to enhance officer safety, interagency communications and criminal detection capabilities during our efforts to support the OPSG objectives. The acceptance of the OPSG grant funding will minimize the financial impact this growing transnational criminal threat has upon our Santa Barbara County community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This grant is eligible for expenses during the Federal Fiscal year 2014, 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015. Due to lower than anticipated use of prior year funds, it was determined that this funding will not be spent until after July 1, 2015. Therefore, the associated revenues and expenditures are accounted for in the Sheriff's Recommended Budget for FY2015-16 under Project Code 2616.

Attachments:

FY2014 OPSG Budget Worksheet

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