

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Anderson
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Grant

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Approve acceptance of \$150,000 in resource and use allocation of California Traffic grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety to coordinate several law enforcement agencies in targeting law enforcement operations on impaired drivers during peak holiday driving periods.

2) Approve Budget Revision Request 2005737 for \$52,400 in Sheriff grant revenue and associated expense for the remainder of fiscal year 2005-2006.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law and routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The number of collisions involving an impaired driver has steadily increased in Santa Barbara County to 773 in 2004. As this is a leading cause of fatal collisions in the state, and a major cause of fatal and injury collisions in Santa Barbara County, the Sheriff's Office elected to pursue a grant to fund enhanced law enforcement operations against drunk drivers in the County.

The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, has an ongoing grant program offered throughout the state for counties to use to coordinate operations to curtail impaired driving during peak holiday periods. The "Avoid" campaign uses the County Sheriff's office to coordinate all county law enforcement agencies in

focused crackdowns during the winter holiday period, Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday periods. The primary goal is to impact and reduce the high number of alcohol-related motor vehicle collisions that occur during these times.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Per the grant agreement, a total of thirteen checkpoints or saturation patrols will be performed each year. These events will be staffed by officers of all County law enforcement agencies in a coordinated effort to target impaired drivers

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant totaling \$150,000 from the OTS which covers a period from October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. The current fiscal year impact is estimated to be \$52,400.

Expenses covered by the grant include a public education campaign, overtime for all agencies participating in the enforcement efforts, and some internet website development and maintenance.

The grant provides funding for overtime for SBSO deputies, allied agency officers, the public awareness advertisement campaign and related expenses. Revenue will be accounted for in Program 1029, Org Unit 6074, Project Code 2481, line item 4339.

There are no anticipated facility impacts in this grant program.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board:

Please send an official Minute Order to the Sheriff's Department, Attn: Douglas A. Martin.