

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Homeland Security Grant Programs (HSGP)

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**Recommendation(s):**

1. That the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution authorizing certain employees to execute an application and documents on behalf of the Santa Barbara Operational Area for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which includes the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).
2. That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Office of Emergency Services to obtain \$810,283 in financial assistance through the FY 2005 SHSGP, \$253,302 in financial assistance through the FY 2005 LETPP, and \$84,592 in financial assistance through the FY 2005 EMPG.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

These recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing financial assistance directly to the states to enhance the capability of local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive weapons. This funding is, in turn, provided to the Santa Barbara Operational Area via the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for Fiscal Year 2005 (The application deadline is April 12, 2005, and the performance period ends December 31, 2006). The Santa Barbara Operational Area consists of the County and all governmental subdivisions within the County, including the eight incorporated Cities and numerous

Special Districts. In an effort to streamline funding to the states, the Department of Homeland Security has consolidated the administration of three programs within one application package:

1. The **State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)** is a continuing program that would provide \$810,283 to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for planning, equipment, training, and management/administrative purposes. The FY 2005 SHSGP is a continuation of annual funding that began with the FY 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program.

State Homeland Security Grant Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2005 (pending)	\$810,283
FY 2004	\$1,261,354
FY 2003 Part II	\$969,703
FY 2003 Part I	\$420,878
FY 2002	\$272,683
FY 2000/2001	\$168,290
FY 1999	\$68,502

2. The **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)** is a continuing program that would provide \$253,302 to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for various law enforcement activities, including: information sharing, target hardening, threat recognition, and interoperable communications.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2005 (pending)	\$253,302
FY 2004	\$288,793

3. The **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)** is a continuing program that would provide \$84,592 to assist local emergency management agencies in developing, maintaining and improving emergency management capabilities. Historically, the EMPG has been a separate grant that has a 50% cost-share cash or in-kind match requirement, however, for the first time, the EMPG has been included in the FY 2005 HSGP application package.

Emergency Management Performance Grant	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2005 (pending)	\$84,592
FY 2004	\$78,708
FY 2003 Supplemental	\$19,207
FY 2003	\$57,746
FY 2002 Supplemental	\$124,859
FY 2002	\$59,474

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The County is designated as the Santa Barbara Operational Area for emergency planning and response. The State Office of Homeland Security has required Operational Areas throughout the state act as lead agencies and as coordinators/facilitators of the Homeland Security Grant Program. While the County is not mandated to obtain all available grant funding, it is advisable to take advantage of the funding provided through this grant program. The SHSGP and LETPP are fully funded grant programs with no matching funds required. The EMPG has a 50% cost-share cash or in-kind match requirement. In addition, 2.5% of the total funding may be used to cover management and administrative costs associated with facilitation of the grant.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This resolution and Board authorization allows the Santa Barbara County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services to apply for and file reimbursement claims under the Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP, LETPP and EMPG).

**Special Instructions:**

Please send Certified copy of Minute Order and executed copies to the Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

**Attachments:**

Resolution