

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Homeland Security Grant Programs (HSGP)

Recommendation:

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 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which includes the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP).

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 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 two programs within one application package:

1. The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is a continuing program that would provide funding to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for planning, equipment, training, and

management/administrative purposes. The FY 2006 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 2006	Competitive. Amount to be determined.
FY 2005	\$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 funding 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 2006	Competitive. Amount to be determined
FY 2005	\$253,302
FY 2004	\$288,793

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. In addition, 3% 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 and LETPP).

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