



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: June 7, 2016
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
Contact Info: Brian Olmstead, Lieutenant Ext. 4353
SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$150,000 Grant for Operation Stonegarden, addressing transnational smuggling crimes

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a). Accept a \$150,000 sub-grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the San Diego Sheriff's Department for continued participation in Operation Stonegarden for the detection and investigation of transnational smuggling of controlled substances during Federal fiscal year 2015 (10/01/2015 through 09/30/2016).
- b). Authorize the Sheriff to sign the FY2015 Operation Stonegarden Grant Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA).

Summary Text:

On or about April 14, 2016, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was awarded grant funding of \$150,000 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 2015 (10/1/2015 through 09/30/2016). 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 and operating expenses that are incurred in furtherance of the OPSG program.

Background:

Historically, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties were highly favored target locations for illegal immigrant 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 border 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 acceptance of the OPSG grant funding will minimize the financial impact of this ongoing transnational criminal threat has upon our Santa Barbara County community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

It is anticipated that none of these funds will be expended in FY2015-16. Therefore, no budget revision is required as part of this board action. The FY2016-17 Recommended Budget includes \$150,000 of FEMA grant funds for Operation Stonegarden (project code 2616) which relates to this grant award. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis, whereby claims of expenses incurred are filed with SDSD/FEMA and payments are usually received within 60 days.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Budget Worksheet

Exhibit B – Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2015 Grant Assuarnces

Exhibit C – FY OPSG Operations Order

Agreement For The Fiscal Year 2015 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant, Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA)

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