



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:** 011  
**For Agenda Of:** 12/05/2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Board Member(s) Board of Supervisors, Third District Office  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorization of funding from Third District 990 fund balance for \$10,000 for a Joint Grant Management Agreement between the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians, the County of Santa Barbara, City of Solvang, and City of Buellton for a joint submission for the Caltrans 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management: Yes

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Joint Grant Management Agreement (Agreement) between the County of Santa Barbara, the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians, the City of Solvang, and the City of Buellton to support a grant application and potential award under Caltrans 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program with a period of performance from December 5, 2023 through the end date of the grant if awarded with a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 (\$10,000 from each entity);
- b) Approve and authorize the contribution of, and not-to-exceed an amount of \$10,000, from the FY 2023-24 Third District General County Programs Department 990 discretionary funding for the Agreement;
- c) Find that coordination on this Joint Grant Management Agreement provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project

under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

Upon the adoption of the County's 2023-2024 Annual Budget, each Supervisorial District was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for majority approval.

This action will authorize \$10,000 for the Third District to use its portion of discretionary funding for a Joint Grant Management Agreement to be managed by the Chumash Indians for coordinated submission to the Caltrans 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Santa Ynez Valley River Trail transportation project.

**Background:**

The Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant is a funding initiative aimed at supporting projects that promote sustainability in transportation planning. For the 2024-2025 period the grants focus on advancing environmentally friendly practices within the California transportation sector. Projects eligible for funding may include those addressing issues such as reducing carbon emissions, enhancing air quality, and overall sustainable transportation development. The grants serve as a crucial resource for communities and organizations seeking to implement innovative solutions, from alternative fuel integration to the creation of pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. By prioritizing sustainability, these grants contribute to building a more resilient and eco-friendly transportation system for the benefit of California's future. The due date for grant submission is January 18, 2024.

Under the Joint Grant Management Agreement, the Parties would contribute \$40,000 total (\$10,000 each) to hire a consultant to apply for and then assist with managing a grant for the Santa Ynez Valley River Trail transportation project. This project stands as a pivotal endeavor with the goal of establishing a vital multimodal connection between the cities of Buellton and Solvang. This project has garnered significant local support due to the pressing need for a safe and direct route catering to bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians, fostering connectivity between these neighboring jurisdictions. The current conditions pose challenges for individuals using alternative modes of transportation, making it imperative to address this gap in infrastructure. The Santa Ynez Valley River Trail transportation project emerges as a key initiative in enhancing multimodal accessibility, promoting sustainability, and fostering community connectivity in the region.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 10,000.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

**Special Instructions:**

The City of Buellton and City of Solvang will sign in December 2023 and the Third District office will provide a final signed copy to County Clerk of the Board once fully executed.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Joint Grant Management Agreement

**Authored by:** Gina Fischer