

Budget Journal Entry

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Budget Revision Request

Agenda Item: Agenda Date: 3/10/2026 Approval: BOS 4/5 Has Board Letter: Yes

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Title: PD - Increase Appropriations for California Office of the State Public Defender

Budget Action: Increase appropriations of \$850,000 in Public Defender General Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$65,900), and Committed Public Defender Programs Fund Balance (\$784,1000) funded by unanticipated grant revenue from the California Office of the State Public Defender.

Justification: The 2025–26 State Budget Act appropriated funding to the California Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) to expand holistic public defense services through the Expanded Public Defense Services (Holistic Defense) Grant Program. The Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office was awarded the full \$850,000 grant. Grant funds must be used to expand holistic defense services and may not supplant existing County funding.

This is a multi-year grant with a grant period of February 1, 2026, through June 1, 2028, and a service term of March 2, 2026, through May 15, 2028. A Board Letter is being presented to accept the grant funds, adopt a resolution, amend the Salary Resolution, and approve a Budget Revision.

Expenditures in FY 2025–26 are limited due to partial-year implementation, with grant-funded positions anticipated to begin on or about May 1, 2026. Estimated costs for FY 2025–26 total \$65,900, primarily for prorated Salaries and Benefits. The majority of expenditures will occur in FY 2026–27 and FY 2027–28, totaling \$418,000 and \$366,100, respectively, reflecting full-year staffing and program operations.

Total projected expenditures equal the full \$850,000 award. All costs are fully funded by State grant revenue with no impact on the General Fund. Any unexpended funds will be carried forward for allowable grant purposes consistent with State and County requirements.

Budget Revision Request Financial Summary

Fund	Department	Project	Object Level	Source Amount	Use Amount
0001 - General	023 - Public Defender		25 - Intergovernmental Revenue-State	850,000.00	0.00
0001 - General	023 - Public Defender		50 - Salaries and Employee Benefits	0.00	65,900.00
0001 - General	023 - Public Defender		93 - Changes to Committed	0.00	784,100.00
Fund: 0001 - General, Department: 023 - Public Defender Total:				850,000.00	850,000.00

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Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Budget Period	Description
0001	023	2420	4310	850,000.00		2000		OSPDHD	202606	Increase appropriations for OSPD HD Grant
0001	023	2530	6100		22,500.00	2003		OSPDHD	202606	Increase appropriations for OSPD HD Grant
0001	023	2530	6100		20,300.00	2001		OSPDHD	202606	Increase appropriations for OSPD HD Grant
0001	023	2530	6100		23,100.00	2006		OSPDHD	202606	Increase appropriations for OSPD HD Grant
0001	023	2530	9832		784,100.00	2000		OSPDHD	202606	Increase appropriations for OSPD HD Grant
			Total	850,000.00	850,000.00					

Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Paloma Moran	Fund/Department	023-Public Defender Funds	2/25/2026 10:00:40 PM	Y
Bruce Haase	CEO Analyst	All Depts-All Funds	2/26/2026 9:01:08 AM	Y
Karla Ramirez	FACS	All Depts-All Funds	2/26/2026 9:12:59 AM	Y
Juan Izquierdo	Chief Deputy Controller	All Depts-All Funds	2/26/2026 9:14:30 AM	Y
Paul Clementi	Budget Director	All Depts-All Funds	2/26/2026 10:11:49 AM	Y