



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Agenda Number:**
AGENDA LETTER

**Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors**

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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: October 5, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5th Vote

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown (805) 681-4290
Contact Info: Sheriff's Lt. Ugo Peter Arnoldi (805) 895-5729
**SUBJECT: Accept Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE-21)
Grant - \$ 25,000**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence - Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept the award of \$ 25,000.00 from the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE-21) Grant from the State of California through September 30, 2023;
- b) Authorize Sheriff Bill Brown to sign the grant document;
- c) Approve Budget Journal Entry BJE-0007952 to record the grant and expense;
- d) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)94) that the above fiscal activity is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- e) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Sheriff to Execute the Grant Agreement.

Summary Text:

The grant reimburses the County for ninety (90%) percent of costs incurred when removing abandoned non-commercial watercraft that become a hazard to the public and/or the environment. The Sheriff is responsible for a ten (10%) percent match of the funds towards the removals.

The Sheriff is the first responder with the legal authority to declare a water hazard under Harbors and Navigation Code Section 523 (a) (1).

For Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2021) through September 30, 2023, of Fiscal Year 2023 SAVE-21 has awarded the Sheriff's Office \$ 25,000.00 to assist in the cost of vessel removal and disposal efforts.

Background:

The State of California, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways has instituted a grant program to assist local jurisdictions with the removal costs of hazardous material and debris from navigable waterways. In October 1997, Senate Bill 172 created the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF) the predecessor to the SAVE, SAVE-19, and SAVE-21 grants to provide funds for the removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked and/or dismantled vessels that may cause a hazardous condition in navigable waterways.

Throughout the State of California, public agencies having jurisdictions over navigable waterways and the surrounding lands have been plagued with an increase of abandoned vessels and other navigational hazards. A pre-existing problematic condition commonly referred to as "\$1.00 Boats" was outlined in "Dock Lines" – the Santa Barbara Waterfront Department Newsletter: *"...the infamous "\$ 1.00 Boat." These outdated vessels from the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's have reached the end of their useful lives...some use the boats as home base for an alternative lifestyle – a home that lasts only as long as the boat itself. Then it's time to get a "new" one."*

These abandoned vessels present a navigational hazard to the boating public and eventually sink or come ashore. The sunken or beached vessels present an immediate hazard to the owner, the public and causes concerns about releasing chemical and biological waste into the environment. To combat this public hazard, several other agencies in the State of California have implemented local ordinances that regulate boats mooring and anchoring in their harbors and immediate waterways. The City of Santa Barbara harbor regulations address mooring, anchoring, seasonal and permanent slip fees as well as minimum boat seaworthiness standards. Since the passage of such regulations, the number of \$ 1.00 boats and other navigational hazards has increased dramatically within Santa Barbara County jurisdictional waters. The most common navigational hazard that has appeared is unauthorized moorings which attract derelict boats. Since 2007, over 65 vessels washed ashore on beaches within the County's jurisdiction, after breaking free from anchor or moorings. Nearly all were considered valueless and had to be disposed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$25,000.00	\$ -	\$25,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00

Narrative:

Budget revision BJE-0007952 recognizes the \$ 25,000.00 grant revenue and appropriates the expense to Line Item 4339. The Sheriff’s Office will cover ten (10%) percent of the cost, or \$ 2,500.00 as a match. This cost will be covered in the department’s existing budget, line item 7460.

Special Instructions:

Please send one executed original contract and a minute order to CFO Hope Vasquez, Sheriff’s Office

Attachments:

- A: Budget Revision Request BJE-0007952
- B: Grant Award E-Mail dated September 13, 2021
- C: Grant Agreement – Certificate of Funding – Grant No. C21S0624
- D: Resolution Authorizing Sheriff to Receive SAVE-21 Grant Funds

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