



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: 2/16/10  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5ths

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Sheriff Bill Brown  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Chief Financial Officer Douglas Martin ext. 4293

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Orfalea Foundations Grant of \$67,009 for Upgrade of Reverse 911 System**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Purchasing

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) That the Board of Supervisors accept the Orfalea Fund's Aware & Prepare Initiative Grant in the amount of \$67,009; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #0000768 recognizing the donation and appropriating expenditure to purchase the Reverse 911 system, and
- c) That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Agent to procure Reverse 911 hardware and software for the Sheriff's Department without being required to conduct a formal bid process for the period ending June 30, 2010.

**Summary Text:**

On December 18, 2009, the Orfalea Fund's Aware & Prepare Initiative awarded the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department a \$67,009 grant to enhance the existing Reverse 911 system in use at the Consolidated Dispatch Center. The existing system is over five years old and is limited as to the number of phones lines that can be attached as well as utilizing outdated software that cannot be upgraded.

The total cost of the upgrade is anticipated to be \$76,005. The difference between the Orfalea Fund grant and the project cost will come from the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture account as this has a direct impact on the law enforcement needs of the community.

Dialogic Communications Company is the vendor of the current package in use. It is requested that the Board authorize procurement of this Reverse 911 system from Dialogic as this project is, in essence, an upgrade of the existing system. To purchase a replacement system from another vendor would incur

greater cost and time. In addition, Department staff are familiar with Dialogic products and there would be minimal learning curve when the new system is installed.

**Background:** The County's current Reverse 911 system is five years old. This is the anticipated shelf life for most computer hardware and software. The Reverse 911 program has proven itself successful in recent disasters. The intent of this project is to replace our current Reverse 911 server, add an additional 20 dedicated phone lines and strengthen our partnership with this technology, with other interested jurisdictions in the Operational Area.

This project coincides with a new Reverse 911 upgrade in the area of e-mail messaging and TTY capabilities. This also sets us up for anticipated releases and advancements in SMS and multi-language messaging.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

Narrative:

Budget Revision Request #0000768 recognizes the receipt of the \$67,009 Orfalea Fund grant and identifies an additional \$8,996 from the Asset Forfeiture account to cover the anticipated cost of the project of \$76,005.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a copy of the minute order to Douglas Martin, Chief Financial Officer Sheriff's Department and the Purchasing Manager, General Services.

**Attachments:**

**Authored by:**

CFO Douglas Martin, ext 4293

**cc:**