



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff's Office
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 08/13/2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff
Director(s)
Contact Info: Lt. Greg Sanders, Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau,
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$50,000 Grant for Operation Stonegarden, addressing
transnational smuggling crimes.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a.) Accept a \$50,000 grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the San Diego Sheriff's Department to reimburse the County of Santa Barbara for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office continued assistance to the Federal Department of Homeland Security to combat the continuing trend of transnational smuggling of people and controlled substances, occurring within and through Santa Barbara County during the Federal Fiscal Year 2018, retroactive to September 01, 2018 and continue in effect until May 31, 2021; and
- b.) Authorize the Sheriff to sign the FY2018 Operation Stonegarden Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and since this is a reoccurring grant, any future Operation Stonegarden MOA's; and
- c.) Approve Budget Journal Entry #0006341 recognizing \$50,000.00 of revenue and appropriate amounts for Salaries & Benefits in the Sheriff's Office budget; and
- d.) Determine that the above recommended action is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action consists solely of government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

On or about May 20, 2019, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was awarded grant funding of \$50,000 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 2018 (9/1/2018 through 5/31/2021). The OPSG grant is a reoccurring program that 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 are highly favored target locations for human trafficking 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:

The Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Budget includes \$50,000 in FEMA grant funds (disbursed through San Diego Sheriff) and corresponding expenses, therefore, no budget revision is requested as part of this board action. 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. The associated revenues and expenditures will be accounted for in the Financial Information Network under Project Code 2616.

<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			
Federal	\$50,000		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$50,000	-	-

Special Instructions:

Please return two fully executed copies of the amendment and a minute order to Christina Sibley, Fiscal Officer, Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office.

Please return one fully executed copy of the amendment and minute order to Jim Bartlett, Sheriff’s Business Office, and Lt. Greg Sanders, Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Bureau.

Attachments:

Exhibit A- Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2018 Budget Worksheet

Exhibit B- Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2018 Operations Order

Exhibit C- Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2018, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

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