



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** 04/08/2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann  
Contact Info: Gina Fischer 805-568-2192  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization of funding from Third District 990 fund balance for \$3,000 to the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians for reimbursement for grant submission to the 2025-26 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program for funding for the Santa Ynez Valley Active Transportation Regional Connector project.

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the contribution of \$3,000 from the FY 2024-2025 Third District General County Programs Department 990 fund balance to the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians (the Tribe) for reimbursement of a portion of the costs of a grant application submitted to the 2025-26 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program (STP program) for the Santa Ynez Valley Active Transportation Regional Connector project;
- b) Approve and authorize Budget Journal Entry (BJE) #0010358 to release \$3,000 held in General County Programs Committed fund balance for discretionary spending by the Board's Third District Office to reimburse the Tribe;
- c) Find that coordination on this 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:**

As part of the County's adopted budget in fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-2025, each Supervisorial District Office 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 approval.

This action will authorize \$3,000 for the Third District to use its portion of discretionary funding for reimbursement to the Tribe for submission to the 2025-26 Caltrans STP program for the Santa Ynez Valley Active Transportation Regional Connector project.

**Background:**

The Caltrans STP program is a funding initiative aimed at supporting projects that promote sustainability in transportation planning. For the 2025-26 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 was January 22, 2025.

The Santa Ynez Valley Active Transportation Regional Connector project stands as a pivotal endeavor with the goal of establishing a vital multimodal connection across the Santa Ynez Valley. This project has garnered significant local support due to the pressing need for a safe and direct route catering to bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians, and 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 Active Transportation Regional Connector project emerges as a key initiative in enhancing multimodal accessibility, promoting sustainability, and fostering community connectivity in the region.

In December 2023, the County of Santa Barbara, the Tribe, and the cities of Buellton and Solvang entered into a Joint Grant Agreement, managed by the Tribe, to submit a 2023-24 Caltrans STP program grant application. The grant was unsuccessful in receiving an award, however, Caltrans provided technical feedback for improvements for applying to the 2025-26 STP program. The Tribe moved forward with hiring a grant writing service consultant to submit an updated and improved grant to the 2025-26 STP program for a cost of approximately \$15,000. After reviewing 990 discretionary encumbrances, the Third District has the funds to reimburse \$3,000 to the Tribe for a portion of the cost of grant submission.

In June 2024, the Tribe and the County of Santa Barbara entered into a Joint Grant Agreement and cost share for the submission of a federal Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant and were successfully awarded \$1.4 million in federal funds for the project – the only project in California to receive funding through the ATIIP program.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This reimbursement is being funded by discretionary funds that were allocated to the Third District Board Office and are being held in the General County Programs General Fund Committed Emerging

Issues fund balance account. With approval of the attached BJE #0010358, \$3,000 will be appropriated in order to make the requested reimbursement.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Total
General Fund	\$3,000			\$3,000
State				
Federal				
Fees				
Other Source				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>

**Special Instructions:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - BJE - 0010358

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