




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 03/8/2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Bill Brown 805-681-4100 
Contact Info: Lieutenant Juan Camarena 805-681-4156
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Funding from the California Department of Justice to Allow for Effective Enforcement of Firearms Laws.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept a grant of \$539,660 from the Office of the Attorney General California Department of Justice (DOJ) to allow for effective enforcement of firearm laws that prohibit certain individuals from possessing firearms and ammunition for FY 2021-2022, FY 2022-2023, and FY 2023-2024.
- b) Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the California Department of Justice regarding the grant funding for the Gun Violence Reduction Program.
- c) Approve Budget Journal Entry 0008068, appropriating \$539,660 in grant revenue and corresponding expense.
- d) Find that the grant funding approval is a government funding mechanism which is not a project pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, because they consist of government funding mechanisms or other 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:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a grant of \$539,660.00 from California Department of Justice (DOJ) to allow for effective enforcement of firearms laws that prohibit certain individuals from possessing firearms and ammunition. This grant will be used to implement an Armed Prohibited Persons team and will assign one dedicated full-time detective. The detective will investigate potential violations by analyzing the Armed Prohibited Person System (APPS) list. The detective will work diligently combing through the APPS list to identify persons living within the cities and unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Barbara, who are prohibited from owning firearms.

Background:

The California Department of Justice has the APPS that monitors registered owners who might fall in prohibited status. APPS is a law enforcement database maintained and run by the California Department of Justice that tracks individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms due to a felony warrant, restraining order, admission to a mental health facility, conviction of felony, condition of prohibition or certain misdemeanor convictions such as domestic violence. At present there are zero CA-DOJ Firearms or local law enforcement resources currently within Santa Barbara County who actively investigate suspected violations stemming from the APPS. The APPS list within Santa Barbara County continues to grow, and with the lack of dedicated resources it will continue to grow unabated. The number of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO’s) issued per year has increased rapidly, with GVRO’s record in 2020 (851) 9-times greater than those recorded in 2017 (88).

This grant will allow the Sheriff’s Office the ability to conduct effective enforcement of firearms laws prohibited certain individuals from possessing firearms and ammunition.

Performance Measure:

N/A

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	\$ 137,962.00		\$ 539,660.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 137,962.00	\$ -	\$ 539,660.00

Narrative:

This grant has not been budgeted in FY2021-2022. Budget Journal Entry 0008068. Recognizes the grant revenue and appropriations in Salaries & Benefits (\$116,892) and Services & Supplies (\$14,500)

under project code GR0015. The expenditures are primarily for a Special Duty Deputy cost with remaining funds designated for training and operational needs. There will be no negative impact on the General Fund as a result of accepting this grant. No matching fund would be required.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0.0

FTEs:
1.0

Special Instructions:

Please return two fully executed copies of the amendment and a minute order to Bill Coulson, Fiscal Officer, Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Attachment 2 - Award Letter

Attachment 3 - Budget Journal Entry 0008068

Attachment 4- Santa Barbara County SO GVRP Budget

Attachment 5- Gun Violence Reduction Program FY 2021-22 Grantee Handbook

Attachment 6- Gun Violence Reduction Program Fiscal Year 2021-22 Request for Proposal

Attachment 7- Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant DOJ-GVRP-2021-22-1 Proposal

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