

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert W. Geis, CPA, CPFO
Auditor-Controller

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Chief Deputy Controller

SUBJECT: Citizens Option for Public Safety Programs (COPS)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept and file the attached report summarizing the annual allocations from the County Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for fiscal year 2002-2003.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On September 10, 1996, the County established Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), a Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) and requested a disbursement of COPS money from the State Controller. On September 8, 2000 AB 1913 amended Government code sections 30061, 30062, 30063 and 30064.1 and redefined the terms by which the SLESF allocations would work.

The SLESF has subsequently received and distributed \$1,487,874 of COPS funding in fiscal year 2002-03. AB 1913 requires the Auditor-Controller to detail and summarize allocations from the SLESF in an annual report to the SLEOC, the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff. This report is intended to satisfy that requirement. The attached allocation spreadsheet complies with this requirement.

On April 8, 2002 AB 823 amended Government code sections 30061 and 30063 and added a requirement to be completed before any COPS funding is distributed. AB 823 requires the SLEOC to certify receipt of an approved expenditure plan from the governing board of the recipient agency in order for the Auditor-Controller to distribute the COPS funding. The SLEOC certified receipt of the recipient agency expenditure plan on December 2002, and subsequently the Auditor-Controller distributed the \$1,487,874 of COPS funding. The SLESF earned a total of \$11,062 in interest from the date of the receipt of the COPS funding to the date of distribution. The interest earned in the SLESF was distributed to the recipient agencies along with the COPS funding.

An additional \$1,353,701 was received on March 24, 2003 that was allocated to Juvenile Justice Programs. These funds are drawn down by the Probation Department and reported as mandated by Government Code Sections 30061-30065.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This report is mandated by Government Code section 30063(c)

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of this Board Action.

CC: SLEOC (c/o Sheriff Jim Anderson)
Sheriff Jim Anderson
District Attorney Thomas Sneddon