



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Sheriff's Office  
**Department No.:** 032  
**Agenda Date:** August 26, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (805) 681-4290  
Contact Info: Chief Deputy Brad Welch (805) 681-4295  
**SUBJECT:** **Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Agreement for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Probation, County Health

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, on behalf of Santa Barbara County to submit an application and, if awarded, execute a Grant Award Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, for the award period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with an anticipated award amount of \$346,122;
- b) Approve and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to execute a grant agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), upon review and approval of County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller, or their designees, when the anticipated Justice Assistance Grant funding is awarded (Attachment A);
- c) Designate the Sheriff's Office as the programmatic lead, and Probation and County Health as program partners, for the implementation of the Justice Assistance Grant Program grant funds; and
- d) Determine that the above recommendations are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation 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:**

This item is before your Board to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply, and if awarded, accept an anticipated award of \$346,122 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Training and Equipment Grant Program for FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. If approved, the funds will be used for the purposes of further developing and hosting crisis intervention and mental health training for employees of the Sheriff's Office and the Probation Department. A portion of the funding will also provide equipment/supplies to County Health to further its co-occurring treatment capabilities related to diversion and re-entry care management. This JAG project will positively impact our local communities by providing this updated equipment for County Health and continuing necessary training for Sheriff and Probation staff.

**Discussion:**

The majority of the funds are expected to be used to conduct mental health and crisis intervention training for Sheriff and Probation employees. With this funding, the Sheriff's Office intends to work with Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and other stakeholders to further develop our standard crisis intervention training (CIT) curriculum as well as focus on two different methods of delivering this training, an 8-hour and 40-hour module respectively. These approaches will extend our capabilities to allow more Sheriff and Probation employees to complete this training in a timelier manner.

In support of the County's continued prioritization of diversion and improved access to care, County Health will utilize a portion of the grant funding to enhance co-occurring treatment for those with mental health and other chronic conditions. The goal is to enhance telehealth capabilities and create welcoming clinical spaces which improve access to care for those referred to services in the County operated health care centers. Expenditures will include office furniture, supplies, and telehealth modules primarily for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and mental health services in primary care clinics.

This grant funding will allow County Health, Probation, and the Sheriff's Office to support specialized training, equipment, and associated costs without requiring either General Fund or other funding.

**Background:**

The BSCC is the designated State Administering Agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Santa Barbara County has received JAG funds for more than 25 years. While the Sheriff's Office and County enters the bi-annual competitive JAG grant program, this JAG Equipment and Training Program is a separate, one-time allocation funding opportunity. The JAG Equipment and Training Program offers funding to all California counties through a non-competitive, population-based formula with our County being eligible for \$346,122.

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will administer the JAG funding for the County and program partners and will serve as the lead point of contact for the BSCC-BJA grant administrators.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No; once awarded, the Sheriff's Office will return with a budget revision to appropriate the funds.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The one-time funding for this grant begins in the award period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The proposed budget includes:

- \$235,759 for five eight-hour basic POST-certified CIT training workshops for all remaining Probation officers who have not yet completed this training (approximately 150 officers), and two 40-hour advanced POST-certified CIT training workshops for 50 Sheriff's deputies (approximately 50% of the current patrol personnel), as well as related training expenses
- \$75,000 for equipment to be provided to County Health
- \$35,363 for indirect costs (15% indirect cost rate as allowable by the grant)

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2025-26 <i>Estimated*</i></b>	<b>FY 2026-27 <i>Estimated*</i></b>	<b>Total</b>
Federal	\$246,122	\$100,000	<b>\$346,122</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$246,122</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$346,122</b>

\*Estimated due to potential of training courses being held in both FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board: Please send two copies of the signed Resolution and the Minute Order to the Sheriff's Office, Attention CFO Hope Vasquez and Chief Deputy Brad Welch. Please send two additional copies to the Probation Department, Attention Deputy Chief Probation Officer Spencer Cross, and County Health, Attention Deputy Director of Clinical Care Lindsay Walter.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), JAG Equipment and Training Program, Non-Competitive Request for Application (RFA)

**Attachment B** – Detailed Budget submitted to the BSCC for the JAG grant during the application process

**Attachment C** – Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Resolution

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