



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: County Executive
Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 12/16/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer, 568-3400
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Submittal of Indian Gaming Grant Applications**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Approve the County Executive Officer's recommended grant applications for fire and law enforcement services and authorize the County Executive Office to submit applications to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for funding consideration.

Summary Text:

Assembly Bill 158, chaptered on September 30, 2008, appropriated \$30 million to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for allocation to local governments impacted by gaming. The amount allocated to the County of Santa Barbara's Tribal Casino Account is approximately \$1.7 million. Per Government Code Section 12715, this amount may be awarded as grants as follows:

- 60% of the funds are considered "nexus grants" that are available to cities and counties in geographic proximity to the casino (Solvang and the County) based on four-part nexus test;
- 40% of the funds are considered "discretionary grants" that are available to all local jurisdictions (City, County, and Special Districts) in the County, irrespective of any nexus to impacts from any particular Tribal casino; and,
- Service priorities for the receipt of grants are law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, water supplies, waste disposal, behavioral, health, planning and adjacent land uses, public health, roads, recreation and youth programs, and child care programs.

Historically, the County has received funding from this source for fire and law enforcement services provided at or immediately surrounding the casino. It is recommended that the County, upon concurrence by the Board of Supervisors, submit grant applications for the following projects:

- Salaries and benefits associated with a post firefighter/paramedic position (3 FTE) at Station 32 (\$490,000 to Fire Department): The additional position enables an increased response time to the casino and for a paramedic to support emergency medical calls that are received from the casino.
- Salaries and benefits associated with deputy sheriffs (5 FTE) for patrol of casino and surrounding area (\$673, 403 to Sheriff's Department): These positions allow 24/7 patrol of the casino and surrounding area, thereby allowing law enforcement to respond to the increase in calls for service that have resulted from casino patrons and actively patrol to help deter any future crimes and incidents.
- Public Safety Radio Repeater: The repeater enhances the Departments ability to send and receive on County radio frequencies from within the Casino facility (\$1,200 to Sheriff's Department).

Background: This item is on the Board's agenda in order to have the Board approve the County Executive Officer's recommended funding requests, thereby enabling the County Executive Office to forward the grant applications for fire and law enforcement services to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ("Chumash") by the January 1, 2009 deadline. The Chumash will consider all the grant applications it receives and determine which applications to sponsor. Sponsored applications will be forwarded to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for consideration during the meeting tentatively scheduled for the week of January 19, 2009. Upon concurrence by the Committee, County staff will notify the State Controller and funds will be dispersed to the appropriate agencies for the sponsored grant amounts.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

The County Fire Department and Sheriff's Departments have included the receipt of the Indian Gaming funds as part of their Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budgets. Should the Committee chose to award grants to these Departments, the grant funding will likely be dispersed by the State Controller in February-March 2009.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The issue of Indian Gaming funding was included within the *Fiscal Issues Report* presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2008.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

These grants would pay for existing staffing levels for the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.

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