



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: October 15, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (Ext. 4290)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Cherylynn Lee, PhD (Ext. 4231)

SUBJECT: **Acceptance of Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for an
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Co-Response
Team**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign an agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for an *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program* for an amount of \$2,145,000 to fund the two County co-response teams from October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022;
- b. Approve Budget Revision Request (Attachment D: BJE-0006649) to: increase appropriations of \$715,000 in the Sheriff General Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$328,600), Services and Supplies (\$46,650), Other Charges (\$12,550), and Other Financing Uses (\$327,200) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Revenue-Federal; increase Appropriations of \$80,000 in the Vehicle Operations/Maintenance Fund for Capital Assets funded by an operating transfer from the General Fund; and increase appropriations of \$247,200 in the Behavioral Wellness MHSA Fund for Salaries and Benefits funded by an operating transfer from the General Fund; and
- c. Approve a Resolution that accepts funding from the BSCC/ Byrne JAG grant in the amount of \$2,145,000 to be used over FY 19-22; and

- d. Determine that the above action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

In September 2018, the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office partnered with Behavioral Wellness to pilot the county’s first law enforcement mental health co-response team. The pilot has shown great promise; to date the team has completed 136 shifts during which they have handled: 335 in progress calls; 369 proactive contacts; 59 applications for 5150; 53 persons taken voluntarily for psychiatric evaluation; 71 persons diverted from arrest; and 7 persons taken directly to the South County Crisis Hub where they received clinical services through Behavioral Wellness. Additional benefits of the co-response team include: quicker evaluations for community members; the ability for law enforcement to return to patrol functions; diversion for mentally ill persons from jail when safe and appropriate to do so; and assisting persons with mental health issues, who are criminal justice involved, with obtaining treatment. The Sheriff’s Office received notice on September 12, 2019 that the BSCC would be awarding the entire amount of \$2,145,000 for the 3-year grant time period, allocating \$715,000 per year.

Background:

Mental health crisis calls are on the rise, and law enforcement is typically the first resource to arrive on scene. According to data gathered by Dispatch, the Sheriff’s Office averages between 5-8 mental health crisis calls per day. These calls for service average nearly two to three times as long as non-mental health calls. One reason being, Santa Barbara County is the only County in California where law enforcement officers are not authorized to write WIC5150 holds. The current process calls for law enforcement to call a mobile crisis clinician to come to the scene and evaluate the individual in crisis. The issue of extended wait times can be addressed by utilizing a nationally recognized model called Co-response. Co-response is a model of operations where law enforcement and mental health clinicians pair together to respond to mental health calls in the community. This model has been piloted in South County Santa Barbara with success.

This grant will fund two CIT deputy positions, two Behavioral Wellness mobile crisis positions, a vehicle for the team(s) to utilize, a fund for training, and funds for contracted data management through University of California, Santa Barbara.

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			
Federal	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 715,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 715,000.00	\$ -

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board:

- (a) Return a fully executed copy of the Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, attention Hope Vasquez, CFO.
- (b) Submit two Minute Orders to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, attention Hope Vasquez, CFO.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Grant Narrative
Attachment B: Grant Application
Attachment C: Grant Agreement
Attachment D: BJE-0006649
Attachment E: Resolution

Authored by:

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