

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: Homeland Security Grant Programs (HSGP)

Recommendation(s):

1. That the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution authorizing certain employees to execute an application and documents on behalf of the Santa Barbara Operational Area for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2004 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), under the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).
2. That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Office of Emergency Services to obtain \$288,793 in financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2004 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), \$1,261,354 in financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), and \$30,480 in financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2004 Citizen Corps Program (CCP).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

These recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Federal Department of Homeland Security is providing financial assistance directly to the states to enhance the capability of local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive weapons. This funding is, in turn, provided to the Santa Barbara Operational Area via the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for Fiscal Year 2004.

On January 28, 2003 the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution Number 03-141 for the HSGP, and on May 6, 2003 the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution Number 03-026 for the CCP. These Board Resolutions authorized signatories to obtain financial assistance for current and future grants under the respective programs. The State Office of Homeland Security has determined that the Santa Barbara County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services may obtain funding from the HSGP and CCP for Fiscal Year 2004 without the creation of new Resolutions for these two grant programs. The Resolution for the new LETPP, submitted for approval with this Board Letter, is required in order to obtain financial assistance under the LETPP for Fiscal Year 2004.

The Santa Barbara Operational Area consists of the County and all governmental subdivisions within the County, including the eight incorporated Cities and numerous Special Districts. The **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)** for Fiscal Year 2004 combines three separate funding programs into one grant application package:

1. The **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)** is a new program that would provide \$288,793 to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for various law enforcement activities, including: information sharing, target hardening, threat recognition, and interoperable communications.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2004 (pending)	\$288,793

2. The **State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)** would provide \$1,261,354 to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for planning, equipment, training, and management/administrative purposes. The FY 2004 SHSGP is a continuation of annual funding that began with the FY 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program.

State Homeland Security Grant Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2004 (pending)	\$1,261,354
FY 2003 Part II	\$969,703
FY 2003 Part I	\$420,878
FY 2002	\$272,683
FY 2000/2001	\$168,290
FY 1999	\$68,502

3. The **Citizen Corps Program (CCP)** would provide \$30,480 to support Citizen Corps Councils for planning, outreach, and management of the Citizen Corps programs and activities, including the coordination of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). The FY 2004 CCP is a continuation of annual funding that began with the FY 2003 Citizen Corps Program.

Citizen Corps Councils are created to facilitate efforts of the CCP, and generally consist of representatives from local emergency response agencies and volunteer organizations. Citizen Corps

programs include such activities as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS), and other community based volunteer efforts.

Citizen Corps Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY 2004 (pending)	\$30,480
FY 2003	\$14,496
FY 2002	\$16,131

Mandates and Service Levels:

The County is designated as the Santa Barbara County Operational Area for emergency planning and response. The State Office of Homeland Security has required Operational Areas throughout the state act as lead agencies and as coordinators/facilitators of the Homeland Security Grant Program. While the County is not mandated to obtain all available grant funding, it is advisable to take advantage of the funding provided through this grant program. This is a fully funded grant program, and no matching funds are required. In addition, 3% of the total funding may be used to cover management and administrative costs associated with facilitation of the grant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This resolution and Board authorization allows the Santa Barbara County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services to apply for and file reimbursement claims under the Homeland Security Grant Program (LETTP, SHSGP and CCP).

Special Instructions:

Please send Certified copy of Minute Order and executed copies to the Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

Attachments:

Resolution