



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: 2/18/2014
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Bill Brown Ext. 4290
Contact Info: Craig Bonner, Lieutenant Ext. 4353
SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$375,000 Grant for Operation Stonegarden

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a). Accept a \$375,000 sub-grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the San Diego Sheriff's Department.
- b). Approve budget revision request #0003251 establishing appropriations of \$375,000 in the Sheriff General Fund for overtime expenses, operating expenses and FEMA approved equipment purchases, funded by revenue obtained from FEMA Operation Stonegarden Grant.

Summary Text:

On or about December 11, 2013, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office was awarded grant funding of \$375,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as a sub-grantee of the San Diego Sheriff's Department, for our participation in Operation Stonegarden program (OPSG) during Federal fiscal year 2013 (10/1/2013 through 09/30/2014). The OPSG program enhances law enforcement resources and capabilities that are directed toward the detection and investigation of transnational smuggling crimes, which are occurring on a regular basis via the Santa Barbara County coastline. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will use the grant funds to pay for personnel overtime, operating expenses and FEMA-OPSG approved equipment that are incurred in furtherance of the OPSG program.

Background:

Historically, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties were highly favored target locations for alien and drug smuggling organizations bringing illegal drugs, via boat, to the United States. Over the past few

years, this maritime based transnational smuggling threat evolved and progressed to the point that it is now regularly affecting the coastlines of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. In order to raise the level of boarder security and reduce the threat of border-related crime, OPSG seeks to increase the overall law enforcement presence and special operations capabilities in rural and coastal areas to address and reduce criminal activity associated with alien and drug smuggling. This grant will allow the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office to regularly deploy personnel and other resources in an effort to better protect our communities from this increasing criminal threat and in furtherance of the OPSG objectives. The OPSG grant funding will also allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment needed to enhance officer safety, interagency communications and criminal detection capabilities during our efforts to support the OPSG objectives. The acceptance of the OPSG grant funding will minimize the financial impact this growing transnational criminal threat has upon our Santa Barbara County community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Budget Revision Request 0003251 recognizes \$ 375,000 in FEMA grant funds (disbursed through San Diego Sheriff) and corresponding expenses. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis, whereby claims of expenses incurred are filed with SDSD/ FEMA and payments are usually received within 60 days. The associated revenues and expenditures will be accounted for in the Financial Information Network under Project Code 2616.

Attachments:

Budget Revision Request 0003251

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