



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: May 17, 2022  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (805-681-4290)   
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Cherylynn Lee, PhD (805-618-4231)

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of the Office of Community Oriented Policing (the COPS Office), for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) grant

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**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, ratify, and authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to accept the Department of Health Care Services grant for *Expanding MAT in County Criminal Justice Settings: A Learning Collaborative* in the amount of \$70,000;
- b. Approve Budget Revision Request BJE-0008146 (Attachment C) necessary to adjust appropriations for the receipt of unanticipated grant revenues in the amount of \$70,000; and
- c. 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 2018, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office received \$160,000, funded through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Health Management Associates, to initiate in-custody opioid treatment programs. With those funds, the Sheriff's Office initiated Medication Assisted

Treatment (MAT) and counseling services to treat opioid use disorder in the county’s inmate population. In May of 2021, the same grant authority came across additional federal dollars that were passed down to the State to be dispersed amongst counties already participating in the initial program. Santa Barbara County was authorized to receive an additional \$70,000 for the MAT program through a non-competitive application process. With those funds, the Sheriff’s Office intends to build on its existing program and partnership by utilizing the \$70,000 for training and travel expenses for MAT program staff, purchasing safety equipment for the handling of MAT medications, and for expenses related to hosting community meetings, including facilities and food.

**Background:**

The Sheriff’s Office recognizes the opioid epidemic is prevalent within this county. Many persons with opioid use disorder end up in custody for drug-related crimes and are at an increased risk of overdose and death once released. MAT is a term used to describe medications (methadone, Vivatrol, buprenorphine) that treat opioid use disorder by preventing withdrawals and cravings. Medications are provided along with supportive counseling services to assist the addicted person through the recovery process. This grant will allow a multi-disciplinary group of persons from various entities within the county to collaborate and further improve upon our existing MAT program for inmates.

In July of 2021, the Sheriff’s Office received notification that the grant application was approved by DHCS and would be awarded the full \$70,000.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current<br/>FY 21-22 Cost:</u> | <u>FY22-23<br/>Cost</u> | <u>FY23-24<br/>Cost</u> | <u>Total Grant<br/>Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Fund           |                                   |                         |                         |                             |
| State                  |                                   |                         |                         |                             |
| Federal                | \$ 70,000.00                      |                         |                         | \$ 70,000.00                |
| Fees                   |                                   |                         |                         |                             |
| Other:                 |                                   |                         |                         |                             |
| Total                  | \$ 70,000.00                      |                         | \$ -                    | \$ 70,000.00                |

**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: BJE-0008146

**Authored by:**

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