

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Auditor-Controller

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Specialty Accounting Division Chief

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) Allocation
for Fiscal Year 2006-07**

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept and file the attached report summarizing the annual allocation of \$1,498,763 for the Citizens Option for Public Safety Program (COPS) and \$1,346,643 for the Juvenile Justice Programs, along with \$19,397.47 in interest earnings from the County Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On September 10, 1996, the County established the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF), a Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC) and requested a disbursement of COPS money from the State Controller. On September 8, 2000 AB 1913 amended Government code sections 30061, 30062, 30063 and 30064.1 and redefined the SLESF allocation and terms.

Additionally, AB 1913 (September 8, 2000) requires the Auditor-Controller to detail and summarize allocations from the SLESF in an annual report to the SLEOC, the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff. This report and the attached allocation spreadsheet are intended to satisfy this requirement.

On April 8, 2002 AB 823 amended Government code sections 30061 and 30063 and added a requirement to be completed before any COPS funding is distributed. AB 823 requires the SLEOC to certify receipt of an approved expenditure plan from the governing board of the recipient agencies in order for the Auditor-Controller to distribute the COPS funding. The recipient agencies include the Sheriff for jail construction and operation, the District Attorney for criminal prosecution, and the cities within the county for front-line enforcement. The SLEOC certified receipt of the recipient agencies expenditure plan in October 2006, and subsequently the Auditor-Controller distributed the \$1,498,763 of COPS funding for fiscal year 2006-07.

Starting fiscal year 2006-2007, the funding period for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) has changed. The purpose of changing the funding period is to ensure counties have appropriate funds on hand for their JJCPA program. Previously, the County received monies in October but could not spend the JJCPA funds until the following July; Under this change, the County is now able to immediately begin spending JJCPA monies in the month of October. This will also ensure continuity of the programs in the event that the 2007 State Budget Act is not enacted on time.

Government Code Sections 30061-30065 requires that the Auditor-Controller receive the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA, previously Board of Corrections) approval of a Comprehensive Multiagency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) before the Juvenile Justice Program funding is distributed to the Probation Department. On October 11, 2006, The Office of Auditor Controller received a letter from CSA regarding the funding period change and subsequently released the \$1,346,643 in funding for Juvenile Justice Programs for fiscal year 2006-07.

A total of \$19,397.47 in interest was earned from the date of the receipt of the Juvenile Justice Program and COPS funding to the date of distribution. The interest earned was distributed and reported to the Probation Department and recipient agencies, as mandated by Government Code Sections 30061-30065.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This report is mandated by Government Code section 30063(c)

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of this Board Action.

CC: SLEOC (c/o Sheriff Bill Brown)
Sheriff Bill Brown
District Attorney Christie Stanley