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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept Grant Funds in the Amount of \$91,930 From California Office of Emergency Services for the 2023-2024 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program. (RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE)**

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board authorize:

1. The Sheriff to accept grant funds in the amount of \$91,930 from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for the 2023-2024 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program.
2. The Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to increase FY25 appropriations and unanticipated revenue by \$91,930 within the Sheriff's Police Services - Forensic Services Division, Organization 2500-2544 (this recommendation requires 4/5ths vote).

INCREASE	2500-2544 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$	91,930
INCREASE	2500-2544 Salaries and Benefits	\$	52,069
INCREASE	2500-2544 Services and Supplies	\$	39,861

Fiscal Impact/Mandates:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: California Office of Emergency Services and the U.S. Dept of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
 Funding Match Required: None
 Impact on Other Departments: No additional impact

Summary of Revenue/Total Costs	<u>FY 2024/25</u>	<u>FY 2025/26</u>
Revenue:	\$ 91,930	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct Costs	\$ 91,930	\$ 0
Indirect - Department	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect - County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 91,930	\$ 0
Net County Costs Including Indirect	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 2024-25 Budget Projection for Sheriff's Police Services – Division 2500				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$210,247,042	\$210,247,042	\$210,247,042	\$0
Revenue	\$106,629,748	\$106,629,748	\$106,629,748	\$0
Net Cost	\$103,617,294	\$103,617,294	\$103,617,294	\$0

Strategic Plan

This Board item meets the County of Ventura's strategic plan for being Fiscally Responsible by using grant funds for overtime to reduce forensic backlogs in the County of Ventura and to maintain public safety services. It also meets the strategic plan of having Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities by helping to maintain the County's public safety service through use of forensic science.

Discussion:

On December 2, 2023, with the County Executive Office's approval, the Sheriff's Office submitted a grant application to CalOES for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program. This grant is provided by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The Sheriff's Office was awarded this grant on May 28, 2024. This program provides federal assistance to state and local agencies that conduct forensic analysis. It is intended to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services and to assure American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation standards are maintained.

We are now requesting authorization from your Board to accept this grant. We are also requesting authorization for the Auditor-Controller to process related budget adjustments.

The \$91,930 award will be used for overtime to help reduce backlogs, and training funds for forensic scientists. The grant term runs from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. No funding match is required of participating agencies.

The Offices of the County Executive, Auditor-Controller and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. Please contact Assistant Sheriff Victor Fazio at 805-383-8785 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Fryhoff', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

James Fryhoff
Sheriff

Attachment – Exhibit 1 - Notice of Application Approval and Grant Award Face
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