



Ventura County **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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September 12, 2023

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

Subject: **Approval of the Use of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account Funds in the Amount of \$468,646 for the Jail Construction and Operation Portion of the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program to Fund Infrastructure Upgrades to the East Valley Jail Property and Approval of the Use of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account Funds in the Amount of \$484,748 for the Jail Construction and Operation Portion of the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program to Fund Infrastructure Upgrades to the Todd Road Jail. (Recommendation No. 3 REQUIRES 4/5th VOTE).**

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve the use of \$468,646 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account for the Jail Construction and Operation Portion of the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program to fund a portion of the new security fence at the East Valley Jail.
2. Approve the use of \$484,748 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account for the Jail Construction and Operation Portion of the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program to fund the installation of door security passthroughs at the Todd Road Jail.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to increase appropriations and anticipated revenue as follows (Requires 4/5th vote):

East Valley Jail, Unit 2550-2557

INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$468,646
INCREASE	Fixed Assets-Land Improvement	\$468,646

Todd Road Jail, Unit 2550-2561

INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$484,748
INCREASE	Fixed Assets-Building Improvements	\$484,748

Fiscal Impact Statement:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: Government Code Section 30061 through 30063
 Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Trust Fund-
 Jail Construction and Operations (COPS) N601-722B
 Funding Match Required: None
 Impact on Other Departments: None

<u>Summary of Revenues and Costs:</u>	<u>FY2023-24</u>	<u>FY2024-25</u>
Revenues:	\$ 953,394	\$ 0
Costs		
Direct	\$ 953,394	\$ 0
Indirect Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect - County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 953,394	\$ 0
Net County Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projection:

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Sheriff's Detention Services – Division 2550				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Variance
Appropriations	\$135,613,272	\$135,613,272	\$135,613,272	-0-
Revenue	\$61,934,849	\$61,934,849	\$61,934,849	-0-
Net Cost	\$73,678,423	\$73,678,423	\$73,678,423	-0-

Discussion:

Government Code section 30061 created the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESF) in each county treasury and specifies the apportionment of monies to the fund, and sets requirements for their use, including for jail construction and operation. On September 10, 1996, your Board approved Ventura County's participation in this program. We are bringing our proposal for unspent SLESF funding allocation per Government Code Section 30061. Government Code Section 30061(b)(1) specifies that 5.15% of SLESF funding received by the County be used exclusively for jail construction and operations.

Recommendation 1:

For the last several years Sheriff's Office has submitted the East County Police Station and Jail Security fence project on the County's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as required by California Government Code 65401. The facility is a patrol station but also a 24/7 jail. The current lack of fencing presents an inherent security risk at the station and to personnel. In the past, there have been several high-risk incidents which have put our staff in harm's way. In addition, since the public parking lot and lobby area also have no barriers to the other parking lots, personnel have experienced contacts with the public and released individuals loitering near staff vehicles. Staff have voiced concern for their safety at the facility. We believe this improvement will help remedy this concern.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$923,704 and will be completed by the General Services Agency. In FY22/23, Sheriff's Office committed \$451,014 to begin the project. We request that your Board authorize the use of \$468,646 from the SLESF jail construction and operations trust to fund a portion of a new security fence that will surround the Thousand Oaks Police Station and East Valley Jail. The remaining \$4,044 will be a use of the FY23/24 adopted general fund budget.

Recommendation 2:

The Sheriff's Office opened the long-awaited Health and Programming Unit at the Todd Road Jail in April 2023. Our most vulnerable inmates were transferred from the Pre-Trial Detention Facility in Ventura to the Todd Road Jail in May 2023. Although availability of a new housing unit and programs were well planned, there have been some unanticipated challenges. One of those challenges has been with the overflow housing of our psychiatric population.

One of the challenges that we have discovered is maintaining efficiency and security while feeding and medicating this population. This can be easily overcome with the addition of pass-throughs to 48 cell doors in one of the Todd Road Jail housing units. This will allow

for the continuation of dayroom and inmate programs while inmates in their cells are fed and receive their medication.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$484,748 and will be completed by the General Services Agency. We request that your Board authorize the use of \$484,748 from the SLESF jail construction and operations trust to fund the installation of door security passthroughs at the Todd Road Jail.

The Offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, and the Auditor Controller have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Assistant Sheriff Shane Matthews at 805-654-2305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Fryhoff', written in a cursive style.

Jim Fryhoff
Sheriff