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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave.
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Subject: Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$800,000 in Federal Funds From the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program; Authorization for the Sheriff to Sign the Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant and the Operation Stonegarden Grant FY 2020 Grant Assurances with the County of San Diego, Which Administers the Funds. (Recommendation #3 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept \$800,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security funds from the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program passed-through from the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant (attached as Exhibit 1 hereto) and the Operation Stonegarden FY 2020 Grant Assurances (attached as Exhibit 2 hereto) to receive funds for the Sheriff's Office's participation in the joint operations task force.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows within the Division 2500 - Sheriff's Police Services, Unit 2529 - Major Crimes (Requires 4/5ths vote):

Major Crimes, Unit 2500-2529

INCREASE 2500-2529 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 800,000
INCREASE 2500-2529 Salaries and Benefits	\$ 298,667
INCREASE 2500-2529 Other Financing Uses	\$ 500,000
INCREASE 2500-2529 Services and Supplies	\$ 1,333

General Services Agency – Transportation Fund I210

INCREASE 4570-4571 Vehicle (4671)	\$ 500,000
INCREASE 4570-4571 Other Financing Sources	\$ 500,000

Fiscal Mandates/Impact:

Mandatory: No
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on other Departments: No additional impact
Source of Funding: U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Bureau of Customs and Border Protection), via the California Governor's office of Emergency Services passed-through from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:	<u>FY2021/22</u>	<u>FY2022/23</u>
Revenue:	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 2021-22 Budget Projections for Sheriff's Police Services - Division 2500 - Unit 2529 Major Crimes				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$18,401,383	\$21,730,909	\$21,730,909	\$ - 0 -
Revenue	\$ 4,639,839	\$ 7,597,352	\$ 7,597,352	\$ - 0 -
Net Cost	\$13,761,544	\$14,133,557	\$14,133,557	\$ - 0 -

FY 21-22 Budget Projection GSA – Transportation – Division 4570 - Budget Unit 4571				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$19,641,602	\$19,692,970	\$19,692,970	\$ 0
Revenue	\$18,453,659	\$18,453,659	\$18,453,659	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$(1,187,946)	\$(1,239,311)	\$(1,239,311)	\$ 0

* Projected Operating Loss will be covered by unrestricted net position.

Discussion:

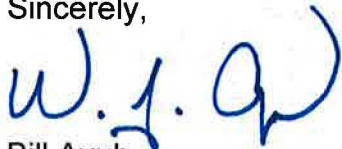
In December of 2013, the Sheriff's Special Services Bureau was contacted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Border Protection) and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and asked to assist in a regional joint operations task force.

Ventura County's location in relation to the southern border and our remote beaches makes the county a prime location for maritime drug smuggling. Drug trafficking organizations are also using our marinas and ports to launch pleasure crafts to smuggle illegal drugs into Ventura County or to support panga boats that are out at sea by supplying fuel or provisions so they can advance their smuggling missions into the United States. Each year the Sheriff's Office recovers several abandoned panga boats along Ventura County shorelines after their contraband has been offloaded.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant ("Agreement")(Exhibit 1), the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, using funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Border Protection), will reimburse the Ventura County Sheriff's Office up to \$800,000 during the term of the Agreement for overtime and equipment associated with this joint operations task force. The Sheriff's Office has identified a need for a new patrol boat to support maritime patrol as well as search and rescue missions in which the equipment funds will be used to purchase. Both the overtime and equipment will be exclusively used for the prevention and enforcement of drug smuggling into Ventura County and will be compliant with the California Values Act. The term of this Agreement runs retroactively from March 25, 2021 through May 31, 2023. We ask that your Board authorize the Sheriff to sign the Agreement and Grant Assurances (Exhibit 2) and accept these funds.

The offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and the General Services Agency have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Chris Dunn at (805)383-8785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Ayub", is written over the printed name.

Bill Ayub
Sheriff

Attachments: Exhibit 1- Memorandum of Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2020
 Operation Stonegarden Grant
 Exhibit 2- Operation Stonegarden FY 2020 Grant Assurances