



# Ventura County SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**Subject:**      **Ratification, Approval of and Authorization for the Sheriff's Office to Submit a Grant Application and Accept Funding from the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Jails and Drug Courts in the Amount of \$85,000; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Budgetary Transactions to Adjust Appropriations and Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$85,000; Ratification Approval and Authorization of Sheriff's Office Execution of Grant Agreement (RECOMMENDATION #2 REQUIRES 4/5<sup>th</sup> VOTE).**

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify, approve, and authorize the Sheriff's Office's submission of a grant application (Exhibit 1) and acceptance of funding from the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Jails and Drug Courts in the amount of \$85,000.
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions to adjust appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows within the Sheriff's Detention Administration, Division 2550, Unit 2551 (requires 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote):

INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 85,000
INCREASE	Supplies & Services	\$ 85,000

3. Ratify, approve, and authorize the Sheriff's Office's execution of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) agreement (Exhibit 2) with the Health Management Associates, Inc. for the grant program.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory: No  
Source of Funding: California Department of Health Care Services  
Funding Match Required: None  
Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:	<u>FY2023-24</u>	<u>FY2024-25</u>
Revenue:	\$85,000	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 85,000	\$ 0
Indirect-Agency/Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 85,000	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:**

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Sheriff Detention Services - Division 2550				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$135,613,272	\$147,041,767	\$145,582,864	\$1,458,903
Revenue	\$61,934,849	\$68,843,928	\$69,064,791	\$220,863
Net Cost	\$73,678,423	\$78,197,839	\$76,518,073	\$1,679,766

**Reason for Ratification:**

Based upon the limited timeframe between notice of the award opportunity and grant application submittal deadline, there was insufficient time to obtain your Board's approval prior to submission. Further, due to the limited timeframe between notice of grant award and required execution of the grant agreement, the grant agreement has already been signed and its execution must therefore be ratified.

**Strategic Plan:**

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors' (Board) 2024-2027 strategic priority in many ways. This includes providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services, as well as maintaining and improving dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities. The objective of Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Jail Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Implementation project is to initiate MAT for those individuals' entering custody who are not already receiving such treatment.

**Discussion:**

The goal of the project is to increase access to MAT in county jails, drug courts, and the child welfare / juvenile justice system. The objective is to improve coordination among all county agencies and providers who serve justice-involved county residents and to develop bridges to further build system capacity to ensure access to effective treatment and recovery supports. This county justice ecosystem-focused approach coordinates and builds capacity and competencies in county agencies: jails, drug court, probation, juvenile probation, child welfare, dependency court, and behavioral health agencies.

The initiation of MAT to individuals not already receiving such treatment upon entering custody aligns with the vision and purpose of Ventura County Sheriff's Office's 64-bed Health and Programming Unit (HPU), attached to the Todd Road Jail. The newly constructed facility has a dedicated clinic, located adjacent to housing, that includes both medical and dental exams and associated staff support. The HPU offers a more holistic approach to treatment for those inmate-patients with medical/mental health needs, along with the custody overlay. The activity to fulfill the stated objective of initiating (MAT) is to purchase a supply of 30-day injectable medication. This supply of injectable medication will replace some of the need for daily pill calls and will last past the release of a portion of the individuals initiated onto MAT. The 30-day injectable medication will also allow individuals time to access further MAT and SUD treatment, following release from custody, including treatment provided by MAT team member, Ventura County Behavioral Health's Substance Services. The tentative plan is to begin injectable MAT to identify individuals with release dates within 6 weeks. Induction will likely begin 2-3 weeks prior to their release dates.

Because acceptance of grant funding from MAT will help accomplish these goals, the Sheriff's Office requests that your Board ratify and approve the grant application, authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept \$85,000 in grant funding from MAT, ratify, approve and authorize the Sheriff's execution of the grant agreement, and authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to process the necessary budgetary transactions.

This letter has been reviewed by the offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Assistant Sheriff Shane Matthews at 654-2305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Fryhoff', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

Jim Fryhoff  
Sheriff

Attachments:  
Exhibit 1 – Grant Application  
Exhibit 2 – DHCS Agreement