



Ventura County **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$400,000 in Federal Funds from the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program; Authorization for the Sheriff to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement. (Recommendation #3 Requires 4/5ths Vote)**

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept \$400,000 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 Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement, to receive funds for the Sheriff's Office's participation in the joint operations task force. (Exhibit 2)
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):

INCREASE Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 400,000
INCREASE Salaries and Benefits	\$ 400,000

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>FY2022-2023</u>	<u>FY2023-2024</u>
Revenue:	\$400,000	\$
Costs:		
Direct	\$400,000	\$
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for Sheriff's Police Services - Division 2500

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$183,337,190	\$214,591,647	\$216,707,917	(\$2,116,270)
Revenue	\$98,945,341	\$112,116,371	\$137,529,247	\$25,412,876
Net Cost	\$84,391,849	\$102,475,276	\$79,178,670	\$23,296,606

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 make 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 panga boats that are left abandoned on the shores after their contraband has been offloaded.

On November 16, 2021, this Board approved the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement and accept \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2020 Operation Stonegarden. These funds were expended pursuant to the agreement. On February 21, 2023, an additional \$400,000 was approved to supplement overtime and patrols to prevent maritime smuggling and the transportation of illegal drugs into Ventura County.

Per the Agreement (attached as Exhibit 1 hereto), 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 \$400,000 for the term of this Agreement for overtime associated with this joint operations task force. The overtime 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 September 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023.

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



Jim Fryhoff
Sheriff

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1- Board Letter 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program

Exhibit 2- Operation Stonegarden Memorandum of Agreement
revision #1