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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Authorization for the Board to Accept Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the 2010/2012 COPS Methamphetamine Initiative and Move a Full Time Position From Sheriff's Detention Services to Sheriff's Police Services

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).
2. Authorize the Director of Human Resources to transfer the following vacant position in Organization 4056, Sheriff's Court Services Division to Organization 4016, Sheriff's Special Services Division, effective July 1, 2010.

Position Number	Job Code	Description	Business Unit	FTE	From Dept	To Dept
24496	00550	Deputy Sheriff	SHFVC	1.0	4056	4016

Fiscal/Mandates Impact :

Mandatory: No
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Depts: No additional impact
Source of Funding: U.S. Department of Justice

Summary of Revenue and Costs:	FY2009-10	FY2010-11
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 117,989
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 0	\$ 117,989
Indirect – Department	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

Current FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for Sheriff's Police Services—Org. 4000				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget ¹	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 132,655,655	\$135,678,128	\$135,678,128	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 73,085,577	\$ 74,408,493	\$ 74,408,493	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 59,570,078	\$ 61,269,635	\$ 61,269,635	\$ 0

¹As of December 07, 2009

Discussion:

In FY 1998, under the authorization of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Congress established the Methamphetamine (Meth) Initiative in the Department of Justice (DOJ) and assigned responsibility for administering the program to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The primary purpose of the Meth Initiative was to combat the production, distribution, and use of this illegal drug by issuing grant funding to state and local law enforcement agencies.

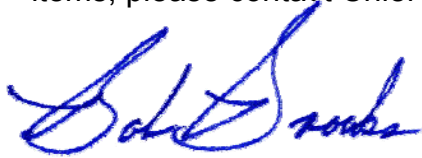
In March of 2009, H.R. 1105 - The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 - was signed into law by President Obama. As part of this Act, funding was made available to the Sheriff's Department by way of the COPS Meth Initiative. This funding was part of a Board-approved request on the 2008 Legislative Agenda and Platform.

Methamphetamine is currently one of the most prevalent drugs illegally manufactured in the United States. It is powerfully addictive, readily accessible, and easily made in clandestine laboratories with relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients such as cold tablets, fertilizer, acids, acetone, alcohol, lithium from batteries, and phosphorous from road flares. Its use and production are ever increasing and its harmful affects continue to plague our communities.

It is the intent of the Sheriff's Department to use these grant funds in order to fund one deputy position to the Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau. This deputy position will be recognized as a career enhancement position and will assist other narcotic detectives in the targeting and arresting of methamphetamine manufacturers and traffickers who produced and/or sell significant quantities of methamphetamine in Ventura County, and will also utilize state or federal laws to identify and seize assets related to the sale and/or distribution of methamphetamine.

Additionally, this deputy position will be moved from an existing vacant deputy position in the Sheriff's Detention Services to Sheriff's Police Services Division. These funds will cover a two-year period beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring March 31, 2012. At the conclusion of the grant period, the deputy position will be moved back to the Detention Services Division.

The Offices of the County Executive, Human Resources, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact Chief Gary Pentis at 477-7011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Brooks', is positioned above the printed name.

BOB BROOKS
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