



# Ventura County **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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February 28, 2023

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

**Subject:**     **Ratification of the Sheriff's Office's Application to the California Department of Justice for the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant; Ratification of and Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept \$555,876 in State Funds From the California Department of Justice Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant from January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2025; Adoption of a Resolution in Support of the California Department of Justice Gun Violence Reduction Program, Extending the Senior Deputy Position, PCN #00030187 with Sheriff's Special Services and Establishing a Sheriff Service Technician II Position with Sheriff's Special Services; Authorization for the Sheriff to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the California Department of Justice Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant. (Recommendation #5 Requires 4/5ths Vote)**

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify the submittal of the Sheriff's Office's application to the California Department of Justice for the Calendar Year 2022/23 Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Grant.
2. Ratify and authorize the Sheriff's acceptance of \$555,876 in funding from the GVRP Grant from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025.
3. Adopt the attached Resolution in support of the California Department of Justice GVRP Grant which extends the existing Senior Deputy position, PCN #00030187, for the time period of February 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025, and establishes the

Sheriff Service Technician position with the Sheriff's Special Services from February 1, 2023, until January 1, 2025.

Job Code	Description	Business Unit	Dept. (Unit)	FTE	Compensation Frequency	Annual Range
01057	Sr. Deputy Sheriff PCN #00030187	SHFVC	2529	1.0	Hourly	\$122,707.49- \$128,818.83
01539	Sheriff Service Technician II	SHFVC	2529	1.0	Hourly	\$50,023.08- \$75,266.90

4. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding for the California Department of Justice GVRP Grant (attached as Exhibit 1 hereto).
5. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows (Requires 4/5ths vote):

Major Crime Investigations, Unit 2500-2529

INCREASE Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 555,876
INCREASE Salaries and Benefits	\$ 523,876
INCREASE Services and Supplies	\$ 6,000

Support Services, Unit 2500-2503

INCREASE Salaries and Benefits	\$ 26,000
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**Fiscal Mandates/Impact:**

Mandatory:	No
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on other Departments:	No additional impact
Source of Funding:	California Department of Justice

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:	<u>FY 22/23</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u>
Revenue:	\$136,691	\$419,185
Costs:		
Direct	\$136,691	\$419,185
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0

Total Costs	\$136,691	\$419,185
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:**

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

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$183,337,190	\$214,501,526	\$216,707,917	\$ (2,206,391)
Revenue	\$ 98,945,341	\$112,116,371	\$137,529,247	\$ 25,412,876
Net Cost	\$ 84,391,849	\$102,385,155	\$ 79,178,670	\$ 23,206,485

**Reasons for Ratification:**

Due to the short timeline of the grant application process, the Sheriff's Office did not seek formal approval from your Board prior to the submission of the grant application. The Sheriff's Office additionally seeks ratification of the Sheriff's acceptance of \$555,876 in state funds from the California Department of Justice Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant as the grant period began on January 1, 2023.

**Discussion:**

In October of 2021, the Sheriff's Office learned of the Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Grant administered by the California Department of Justice. Funding for the GVRP Grant was provided by the California Budget Act of 2021 and made 10 million dollars available through grant cycles. The grant was available to California State Sheriff's Offices. The Sheriff's Office was awarded \$652,575 in grant funds covering the first grant cycle covering January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2024.

The California Department of Justice deployed the Armed Prohibited Person System (APPS) in 2006. This system is used to identify and monitor individuals who legally purchased or acquired firearms and later became prohibited from owning or possessing these same firearms at a later time. There are thousands of individuals in the APPS System statewide and nearly 330 residing in Ventura County.

For the last few years, the Sheriff's Office has developed a plan to aggressively investigate individuals on the APPS list, including developing a case management software program, working with local police departments within the county to contact prohibited individuals to recover illegally possess firearms, and identifying prohibited



individuals not on the APPS list who are illegally in possession of firearms. Since 2019, the Sheriff's Office has seized 99 firearms from individuals on the APPS list and removed several hundred other firearms from the APPS system through investigative contacts. Since 2019, 290 individuals have been removed from the Ventura County APPS List through these investigations.

The second cycle of the GVRP has approved salary and benefits extending the funding for a full-time Senior Deputy gun investigator, a full time Sheriff Service Technician, overtime for APPS investigations or enforcement, vehicle overhead fees, and administrative costs from January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2025.

The Senior Deputy investigator will continue to coordinate investigations with the five local police departments within Ventura County, neighboring county Sheriff's Offices, and the California Department of Justice- Bureau of Firearms to remove individuals from the APPS list and recover firearms. Additionally, the investigator will provide regional subject matter expertise as well as implement the program to identify individuals who may become prohibited individuals and legally seize firearms from those people.

The Sheriff Service Technician will audit firearms currently in possession of law enforcement at property rooms throughout Ventura County, audit records of firearms legally destroyed by law enforcement to ensure they have been properly reported in the California Law Enforcement Technology System (CLETS), and conduct follow up investigations into prohibited persons and APPS cases.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JF' with a large loop and a horizontal stroke.

Jim Fryhoff  
Sheriff

Attachment(s):      Resolution  
Exhibit 1- Memorandum of Understanding between the Sheriff and  
the California Department of Justice