



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Sheriff-Coroner

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Ratification of Submission of Grant Application for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program in the Amount of \$300,000 for Funding of the Resident Deputy Incentive Program, Overtime Related to Deputy Patrols in Rural Identified Violent Crime Hot Spots, and the Procurement of a License Plate Reader System to be Utilized between October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027; and Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept Funds and Sign the Resulting Revenue Agreement if Awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice

Recommended Action/Motion:

Ratify submission of grant application for the FY 2024 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program in the amount of \$300,000 for funding of the Resident Deputy Incentive Program, overtime related to deputy patrols in rural identified violent crime hot spots, and the procurement of a License Plate Reader System to be utilized between October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027; and authorize the Sheriff to accept funds and sign the resulting revenue Agreement if awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, awards grants on a competitive basis to small law enforcement agencies in rural locations to support agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy. The anticipated maximum awarded amount is \$300,000. The period of performance will be effective October 1, 2024 and continues for a 36-month period, through September 30, 2027.

If awarded, the Sheriff's Office will use the grant to fund the Resident Deputy Incentive Program, which helps offset the cost of living in remote rural areas with a healthcare and monthly housing stipend. The objective is to reduce violent crimes in the Covelo and Manchester-Point Arena Rancheria areas by providing residents with faster response and increased presence. In addition to funding a resident deputy, the grant also proposes funding to help offset the cost of overtime related to patrols in identified violent crime hot spots. The proposed budget will cover 15% of overtime pay for Deputy Sheriff-Coroners for increased patrol in the identified areas. Lastly, the implementation of a License Plate Reader system will aid in crime prevention and resolution by assisting with real-time tracking of vehicles, which can be crucial in situations such as active criminal

investigations or locating stolen vehicles. Successful implementation of this combined program will result in safer communities, improved law enforcement effectiveness, less violent crime and enhanced quality of life for the residents of Mendocino County.

On May 8, 2024, the Sheriff's Office sent a letter requesting approval to apply to the CEO per County Policy 25, Section 1, Number 4, to seek approval with follow-up to the Board of Supervisors at their next available meeting.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternate handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: U.S. Department of Justice

current f/y cost: \$0.00

budget clarification: This is a 3-year grant period of which we are proposing \$90,000 in Year 1, \$112,000 in Year 2, and \$98,000 in Year 3.

annual recurring cost: See Budget Clarification

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): No

revenue agreement: Yes

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A

CEO Liaison: Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Approved**

Date: June 4, 2024

