

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 5, 2025

FROM

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

SUBJECT

Grant Award for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve Grant Award (**Agreement No. 25-615**)(Federal Award No. HID1025G0638-00), in the amount of \$1,200,790, with the Office of National Drug Control Policy accepting the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program funding for the performance period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator to electronically execute and submit the grant award documents and any subsequent non-substantive amendments, on behalf of the County, as requested by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator to transmit any subsequent non-substantive amendments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.
(Presenter: Carolina Mendoza, Chief Deputy Director 387-3760)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator (Department) has received grant funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) since 1997. The grant performance period is from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. The Department can submit claims for reimbursement retroactively to January 1, 2025. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the Department's 2025-26 budget. No matching funds are required.

The grant award in the amount of \$1,200,790, will provide funding in the amount of \$715,734 for the Inland Regional Narcotics Enforcement Team (IRNET), \$385,056 for the Regional Methamphetamine Task Force (RMTF), and \$100,000 for the Vehicle Interdiction Pipeline Enforcement Resource (VIPER) Task Force, as summarized below:

Description	IRNET	RMTF	VIPER	Total
Personnel	\$98,212	\$40,000	\$0	\$138,212

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Description	IRNET	RMTF	VIPER	Total
Overtime	\$391,320	\$217,400	\$86,960	\$695,680
Travel	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Equipment	\$60,814	\$0	\$0	\$60,814
Services and Supplies	\$160,388	\$117,656	\$3,040	\$281,084
Total	\$715,734	\$385,056	\$100,000	\$1,200,790

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The HIDTA program provides federal assistance to local law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States to reduce drug trafficking and production by facilitating cooperation and providing reliable law enforcement intelligence among law enforcement agencies and supporting coordinated law enforcement strategies that make the most of available resources.

Since 1997, the Department has received HIDTA grant funds from the ONDCP for IRNET, RMTF and more recently, VIPER initiatives. IRNET is a joint effort between the Department, as the lead agency, and other member agencies designed to target, investigate and prosecute major drug trafficking organizations. RMTF is a joint effort between San Bernardino and Riverside counties to target major methamphetamine production/distribution and arrest persons/organizations involved in illicit sales and trafficking of methamphetamine. VIPER is a joint effort between the Sheriff's Departments of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties to target drug trafficking on the highway.

The total allocation for IRNET of \$715,734 will fund personnel costs of existing positions, including overtime, supplies, equipment, investigative services, service contracts, and other program-related expenses. Additionally, the grant will provide overtime reimbursement to the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, Montclair Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Redlands Police Department, San Bernardino Police Department, Upland Police Department, and Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The \$385,056 allocated for RMTF will fund the Department's overtime and partial salary, without benefits, in addition to travel, supplies, service contracts, and other operating expenses of this program. The \$100,000 allocated to VIPER will fund the Department's travel, equipment purchase and services and supplies.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the submission of the grant application on April 23, 2024 (Item No. 65). The ONDCP released award notification on May 23, 2025. The agreement is being submitted to the Board at this time, as this is the first available date following the required fiscal, operational, and legal reviews.

Approval of Recommendation No. 2 will authorize the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator to sign the grant award documents in compliance with ONDCP's policy.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Grace B. Parsons, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 3, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Erika Rodarte, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on July 17, 2025.

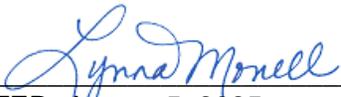
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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: August 5, 2025



cc: Sheriff - Mendoza w/agree
Contractor - c/o Sheriff w/agree
File - w/agree
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