

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

January 13, 2026

FROM

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

SUBJECT

2025-26 Budget Adjustments and Unbudgeted Capital Asset Purchases

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve the purchase of the following unbudgeted capital assets:
 - a. Eight Safety Vehicles - \$400,000.
 - b. Four Off-Highway Vehicles - \$98,500.
 - c. One Portable Training System - \$184,802.
 - d. One Training Simulator - \$298,248.
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post adjustments to the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's 2025-26 budget, as detailed in the Financial Impact section (Four votes required).

(Presenter: Carolina Mendoza, Chief Deputy Director, 387-3760)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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) is requesting a \$621,853 increase to Temporary Help – Outside Services, funded by the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) growth allocation to Detentions, to continue addressing vacancies within medical staff classifications.

Additionally, the Department is requesting an increase to Services and Supplies of \$1.4 million for the purchase of non-inventoriable equipment, services, and supplies for various divisions, inflationary increases to technical services contracts and outstanding tax liabilities from previous aircraft purchases; an increase of \$200,000 to Overtime to fund recruitment efforts; and an increase of \$400,000 for the purchase of eight vehicles for the provision of law enforcement operations. These will be funded by the COPS growth allocation to Operations (\$461,823), reimbursement from Senate Bill (SB) 90 claims (\$1,421,078) and law enforcement revenue (\$120,000).

Furthermore, the Department is requesting increases to Salaries and Benefits and Services and Supplies of \$553,431 to fund a subscription to LexisNexis Accurint Virtual Crime Center (\$404,091), a monitoring and analysis service (\$49,340), and staffing reimbursement (\$100,000). These will be funded by the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program.

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Finally, the Department is requesting increases to Services and Supplies, Equipment, and Vehicles of \$1,134,600 for the purchase of firearms with red-dot optics for tactical training, medical kits, a training simulator, a portable training system, training facility technology upgrades, and four off-highway vehicles. These will be funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Equipment and Training Program.

The Department requests the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector post the net adjustments to the 2025-26 budget, as detailed below:

Cost Center	Commitment Item/GL	Description	Action	Amount
4410001000	52002445	Other Professional & Specialized Services	Increase	\$120,000
4410001000	40709565	Law Enforcement Services	Increase	\$120,000
4420001000	52002335	Temporary Help – Outside Services	Increase	\$621,853
4420001000	40408797	State – COPS Program	Increase	\$621,853
4438001000	51001000	Operating Expenditures - Salaries	Increase	\$100,000
4438001000	52002445	Other Professional & Specialized Services	Increase	\$453,431
4438001000	40909975	Operating Transfers In	Increase	\$553,431
4438001000	52002130	Noninventoriable Equipment	Increase	\$273,818
4438001000	52002135	Special Department Expense	Increase	\$279,232
4438001000	55415013	Services & Supplies Transfers In	Increase	\$553,050
4438001000	54404040	Equipment	Increase	\$483,050
4438001000	54504050	Vehicles	Increase	\$98,500
4438001000	55415017	Capital Assets Transfers In	Increase	\$581,550
4430001000	51001035	Overtime	Increase	\$200,000
4430001000	52002130	Noninventoriable Equipment	Increase	\$338,066
4430001000	52002445	Other Professional & Specialized Services	Increase	\$190,000
4430001000	52002950	Labor – Outside Vendors	Increase	\$280,000
4430001000	52002990	Sales & Use Tax Expense	Increase	\$474,835
4430001000	54504050	Vehicles	Increase	\$400,000
4430001000	40408797	State – COPS Program	Increase	\$461,823
4430001000	40408895	SB 90 Mandated Cost Reimbursement	Increase	\$1,421,078

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department is the primary law enforcement agency for San Bernardino County, including for several contracted cities throughout the County, and it operates four Type 1 holding facilities and four Type II detention facilities.

The requested increase for Detentions in the amount of \$621,853 will help offset the temporary staffing costs being incurred due to the high vacancies within medical staff classifications. This will be funded utilizing the COPS growth allocation.

Also, utilizing the COPS growth allocation, additional law enforcement revenue, and SB 90 claim reimbursements, the Department is requesting the following budgetary increases:

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- Increase to Overtime of \$200,000 to fund recruitment efforts to address vacancies throughout its divisions;
- Increase of \$680,000 to purchase eight safety vehicles (\$400,000) which require labor and equipment (\$280,000) to upfit the vehicles;
- Increase of \$338,066 to purchase entry vests, ballistic plates, and helmets for the Department's Specialized Enforcement Division which will replace outdated equipment that have exceeded their useful life;
- Increase of \$190,000 to help offset the inflationary cost of several software contracts necessary for ongoing operations;
- Increase of \$474,835 for outstanding sales tax liabilities resulting from prior year aircraft purchases that utilized incorrect sales tax rate at the time of purchase.

On June 18, 2025 (Item No. 126), the Board accepted the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program, a three-year grant program offered annually to the San Bernardino County Operation Area by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as a pass-through agency, to strengthen the region's homeland security preparedness in relation to terrorism. The Department was awarded \$553,431 for an annual subscription to LexisNexis Accurint Virtual Crime Center, a software platform for law enforcement agencies that consolidates data from various sources to support crime analysis and investigations, monitoring and analysis services to combat domestic violent extremism through enhanced intelligence collection, and staffing reimbursement to fund the Terrorism Liaison Officer who acts as the Department's lead coordinator on matters related to terrorism and suspicious activity reporting.

Finally, on November 4, 2025 (Item No. 18), the Board accepted the JAG Equipment and Training Program grant award, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The JAG grant award offers one-time federal funding to support local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies through the purchase of equipment, supplies, and training aligned with established JAG Program Purpose Areas and Priority Areas of Need. The Department received \$1,134,600 to expand crisis response and tactical training capacity through the purchase of firearms with red-dot optics, medical kits, a training simulator, a portable training system, training facility technology upgrades, and four off-highway vehicles.

Approval of Recommendation No. 1 and No. 2 will allow the Department to update its equipment, improve operations, and help ensure the safety, health, and social services needs of staff and inmates and county residents.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Grace B. Parsons, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 15, 2025; Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Charlene Huang, General Accounting Manager, 382-7022) on December 14, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Erika Rodarte, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on December 23, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: January 13, 2026



cc: File - Sheriff/Coroner
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