

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

June 28, 2022

FROM

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

SUBJECT

Grant Award for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2022 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve Grant Award (**County Contract No. 22-447**) (Federal Award No. G22LA0001A) in the amount of \$1,133,476 with the Office of National Drug Control Policy accepting the 2022 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program for the performance period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.
2. Authorize the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator to execute and submit the grant award documents and any 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 all documents in relation to this grant award to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.
4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post appropriation and revenue adjustments to the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's 2021-22 Budget in the amount of \$1,133,476 as detailed in the Financial Impact section (Four votes required).

(Presenter: John Ades, Deputy Chief, 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 additional 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, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The Department can submit claims for reimbursement retroactively to January 1, 2022. To date, approximately \$276,000 has been expended for this program. No matching funds are required.

The Department requests the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post the following adjustments to the 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$1,133,476:

Fund Center	Commitment Item	Description	Action	Amount
4438001000	51001350	Payroll Reimbursements	Increase	\$796,860

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Fund Center	Commitment Item	Description	Action	Amount
4438001000	52942941	Travel	Increase	\$10,000
4438001000	52002000	Op. Expenses Svcs & Supplies	Increase	\$326,616
4438001000	40509094	Federal-Grants	Increase	\$1,133,476

This budget action is needed to ensure that there is sufficient appropriation available in 2021-22 for costs incurred by the Department pertaining to the 2022 HIDTA program.

The grant award in the amount of \$1,133,476, will provide \$648,420 of funding 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; expenditures are summarized below:

Description	IRNET	RMTF	VIPER	Total
Personnel	\$98,212	\$40,000	\$96,860	\$235,072
Overtime	\$368,068	\$193,720	\$0	\$561,788
Travel	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Services and Supplies	\$182,140	\$141,336	\$3,140	\$326,616
Total	\$648,420	\$385,056	\$100,000	\$1,133,476

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. The program aims 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 County 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 of \$648,420 for IRNET will fund personnel costs of existing positions, including overtime, supplies, investigative services, service contracts, and other program-related expenses. Additionally, the grant will provide overtime reimbursement to participating agencies that include the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, Montclair Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Redlands Police Department, San Bernardino 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 overtime and technical investigative equipment.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the submission of the grant application on December 14, 2021 (Item No. 61). The ONDCP released the award notification on May 2, 2022.

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The agreement is being submitted to the Board at 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 (Richard D. Luczak, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 7, 2022; Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Vanessa Doyle, Deputy Controller, 386-1923) on May 31, 2022; Finance (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-5285) on June 9, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on June 13, 2022.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Janice Rutherford Seconded: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Joe Baca, Jr.
Absent: Curt Hagman

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: June 28, 2022



cc: Sheriff - Welty w/agree for sign
Contractor - C/O Sheriff w/agree
File - w/agree
CCM 06/29/2022