

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

July 23, 2024

FROM

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

SUBJECT

Letter of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for Participation in the 2024 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve **Letter of Agreement No. 24-707** (Federal Agreement No. 2024-33), and related documents, with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, in the amount of \$394,000, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for participation in the 2024 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post adjustments to the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's 2024-25 budget, as detailed in the Financial Impact section (Four votes required).

(Presenter: Kelly Welty, 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) has received funding from the United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (Program) since 1999. Appropriation and revenue for this award are not included in the Department's 2024-25 budget. No matching funds are required.

The Department requests the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to post the following adjustments to the 2024-25 budget:

| Fund Center | Commitment Item | Description | Action | Amount |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4438001000 | 51001035 | Overtime | Increase | \$314,000 |
| 4438001000 | 52002135 | Special Department Expense | Increase | \$80,000 |
| 4438001000 | 40509094 | Federal - Grants | Increase | \$394,000 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Letter of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for Participation in the 2024 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program
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The U.S. DOJ, DEA, provides funding for the Program each year to defray the County's costs relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana, including gathering and reporting intelligence data related to the illicit cultivation, possession and distribution of cannabis; investigating and reporting of instances involving the trafficking of controlled substances; and making arrests and referring cases for prosecution.

On May 24, 2024, the Department received Letter of Agreement No. 2024-33 (LOA) from the DEA providing notification of available funding in the amount of \$394,000 to reimburse expenses related to the Department's participation in the Program. The LOA is being submitted for Board of Supervisors approval at the first available meeting date after completion of the fiscal and legal review process. The proposed LOA would provide funding to be used for overtime, training, aviation fuel, and supplies to support the Department's participation in the Program.

The U.S. DOJ requires the County to send the signed LOA to the DEA for execution. The LOA is for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The Department can submit claims for reimbursement retroactively to October 1, 2023.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Grace B. Parsons, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 24, 2024; Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Charlene Huang, Auditor-Controller Manager, 382-7022) June 26, 2024; Finance (Erika Rodarte, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on July 2, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on July 5, 2024.

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

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: July 23, 2024



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