



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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

September 15, 2020

FROM

JASON ANDERSON, District Attorney

SUBJECT

Grant Agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety for the San Bernardino County Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve Grant Agreement (No. DI21006) with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety to receive \$296,000 for the San Bernardino County Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
 2. Adopt Resolution approving the Grant Agreement and authorizing the District Attorney's Office, as required by the California Office of Traffic Safety, to electronically sign and submit the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, and any subsequent non-substantive amendments, subject to review by County Counsel.
 3. Direct the District Attorney to submit all Grant Agreement documents, including any non-substantive amendments, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.
- (Presenter: Michael Fermin, Assistant District Attorney, 382-3662)

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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the need for additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The \$296,000 grant award will be used to offset the cost of 1.0 Deputy District Attorney assigned to the San Bernardino County Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program, along with related training and DUI testing costs, from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. There is no local match associated with this grant. Revenue and appropriation for this grant-funded program are included in the District Attorney's (Department) 2020-21 recommended budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant will provide funding for the San Bernardino County Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program (Program). This Program allows a Deputy District Attorney to file and prosecute alcohol and drug impaired driving cases throughout each step of the criminal process. These cases range from misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI) through felony DUI, with an emphasis on working with law enforcement agencies directly to provide guidance during investigation, initial

case review, additional investigation, case filing, prosecution and eventual sentencing of a criminal defendant. The Department's participation in this Program will enable the sharing of information with law enforcement personnel throughout San Bernardino County as a means to prevent impaired driving, with the goal to reduce alcohol/drug-involved traffic fatalities and injuries throughout the County. The Department has been receiving grant funds from OTS annually for this purpose since 2012.

On February 11, 2020 (Item No. 38), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the Department's grant application to California Office of Traffic Safety requesting grant funding for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

In addition to the acceptance of the grant award, the Department is requesting approval to execute any subsequent non-substantive amendments to the grant award agreement, subject to review by County Counsel.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Katherine Hardy, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5437) on August 19, 2020; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst II, 387-5404) on August 28, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Kelly Welty, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on August 28, 2020.