



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #: 8010, Agenda Item #: 89**

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

**May 23, 2023**

**FROM**

**SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator**

**SUBJECT**

Funding Allocation for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Accept allocation in the amount of \$1,347,296.63 from the State of California (Assembly Bill 178), for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant program, to support the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's improvement of officer wellness and expansion of mental health resources.

(Presenter: Ernie Perez, Deputy Chief, 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 additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The \$1,347,296.63 allocation from the State of California Assembly Bill (AB) 178, through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), provides funding for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant (Grant) program for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources. The grant period is from July 1, 2022 through December 1, 2025. No matching funds are required. This revenue will be included in the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator's (Department') 2023-24 Recommended budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On December 21, 2022, the Department was notified of funding availability for the Grant program. No application was required to be considered for this funding opportunity. The Grant funding is limited to agencies employing officers as described in Penal Code section 830.1.

On February 15, 2023, the Department received notice of disbursement made in accordance with AB 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022, Item 5227-121-001, which provides that the Department will receive funding in the amount of \$1,347,296.63.

The Grant is for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources as follows:

1. Establishing or expanding existing officer wellness units.
2. Establishing or expanding existing peer support units.

3. Providing services by a licensed mental health professional, counselor, or other professional that works with law enforcement.
4. Expanding multiagency mutual aid programs focused on officer wellness and mental health.
5. Providing other programs or services that are evidence based or have a successful track record of enhancing officer wellness.

The Department is in the planning phase to determine the best use of the funding within the allowable areas determined by BSCC. The allocated funding must be expended by December 1, 2025. Any remaining funds at the conclusion of the grant must be returned to BSCC by December 31, 2025.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Richard D. Luczak, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 1, 2023; Finance (Erika Rodarte, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on May 8, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 8, 2023.