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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Janice Donovan for Koford, Douglas - Sheriff-Coroner
Sheriff
REPORT BY: Janice Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager - 259-8674
SUBJECT: 2009-2010 Citizens' Option for Public Safety Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff, District Attorney and Director of Corrections request approval of the 2009-2010 Citizens' Option for Public Safety expenditure plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sheriff, District Attorney and Department of Corrections receive funding under the Citizens' Option for Public Safety program. The Board of Supervisors is required to approve expenditure plans before the funds are allocated to the Departments by the Auditor-Controller.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney Sheriff Corrections
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept or expend

Citizens' Option for Public Safety funding. The District Attorney, Sheriff and Department of Corrections receive these funds to offset the cost of law enforcement services and equipment to the General Fund and enhance the ability to perform assigned duties.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the District Attorney, Sheriff and Department of Corrections will not be eligible to receive funding under the Citizens' Option for Public Safety program. An alternative expenditure plan will need to be developed or funds will revert to the State.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) program provides funding to eligible local law enforcement agencies in the County of Napa. Funds are allocated from the Local and Public Safety Account which is funded by a portion of Vehicle License Fees and given to each law enforcement agency as prescribed in Section 30061-30065 of the Government Code to enhance law enforcement related operations. In Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the Sheriff's Office and the police departments in American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, Saint Helena and Yountville are guaranteed a minimum of \$100,000 each and it is estimated that \$39,000 will be allocated to both the District Attorney's Office and the Department of Corrections.

The Government Code requires the Auditor-Controller to release funds upon the certification of annual expenditure plans by the COPS Oversight Committee. Before the COPS Oversight Committee can certify expenditure plans, the governing body of the County and each city must approve the individual expenditure plans. The following is a brief summary of the expenditure request from each Department, detailed requests are attached to this agenda item.

District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office estimates \$39,000 in allocated funds in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, \$140 in interest and \$138 in rollover funds from Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to spend. The District Attorney is requesting approval to expend these funds on safety equipment for the District Attorney Investigators. The primary expense will be emergency packages including flashers, radios and sirens for the investigator's vehicles.

Sheriff

The Sheriff's Office has estimated \$100,000 in allocated funds in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The Sheriff is requesting approval to expend funds to partially offset the cost of one Deputy Sheriff position responsible for the coordination of the Sheriff's Activity League activities and other duties as assigned. COPS funds will cover approximately 71% of the cost of this position. The Sheriff's Activity League is a community-based crime prevention program that brings kids under the supervision and constructive influence of law enforcement and provides quality activities designed to develop discipline, self-esteem, mutual trust, and respect. The remainder of this position is funded by the County General Fund.

Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections estimates \$39,000 in allocated funds in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and \$140 in interest. The Director of Corrections is requesting approval to expend funds to offset the cost of upgrading the control panel and to purchase video equipment. The current control panel in the jail is outdated and in need of replacement. If the control panel were to completely break down, the Department would lose the ability to control the doors, elevators and intercom systems remotely, potentially compromising the security of the facility. The video recording system in the jail is currently an analog system. The jail is working towards upgrading to a digital system. These upgrades were initially delayed pending the construction plans of a new jail facility. Given that plans to reconstruct a new facility are not firmly in place, the Department of Corrections cannot wait for the creation of a new facility to upgrade equipment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Detailed Expenditure Reports

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan