



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE: August 29, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 17, 2002

TO: Honorable Members of the Board
FROM: *James P. Fox*
District Attorney James P. Fox *Don Horsley*
Sheriff Don Horsley
SUBJECT: **Approve Spending Plan for FY 2002-03 SLESF Allocations**

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution approving a FY 2002-03 Spending Plan for State Law Enforcement Supplemental Fund (SLESF), permitting the District Attorney to receive a 5.15% allocation for criminal prosecution, and the Sheriff to receive a 5.15% allocation for jail operations and a proportional allocation of countywide front-line law enforcement funds for the SHOP Program, pursuant to Government Code §30061 GC, as amended by SB736 (Poochigan) in September, 2001.

Background

Section 30061 of the Government Code is the authority for allocation of State Law Enforcement Supplemental Fund (SLESF) monies, also known as "State COPS funds." These monies come to the County and cities annually, and are distributed among four separate program areas: a) the Sheriff receives 5.15% to support jail construction or operations activities; b) the District Attorney receives 5.15% of the allocation to support criminal prosecution activities; c) 39.7% is allocated for front-line law enforcement activities in all cities and in the county unincorporated area; and d) 50% is allocated to the Juvenile Justice Plan (CPA 2000), administered by the Board through the Chief Probation Officer. The District Attorney receives criminal prosecution funding under "b", and the Sheriff receives jail support funding ("a") and a portion of front-line law enforcement funds ("c"), related to the unincorporated area of the County.

Discussion

Prior to September 2001, spending plans were required to be approved for "c" and "d" above only. Effective September 2001, legislation removed the sunset clause, extended SLESF funding indefinitely, and required that spending plans for all components of the funding be

approved by the Board of Supervisors by September of each year, and on file with the County Controller's Office prior to funds being transferred to a particular jurisdiction. The requirements for allocation of the monies to criminal prosecution remain unchanged. As of this date, we have been advised that the FY 2002-03 State COPS funding allocations in the just adopted State Budget remain unchanged since last year.

The District Attorney's allocation for criminal prosecution, under 30061 (b) (2) is used to finance the cost of one Deputy District Attorney and the partial cost of one DA Inspector position. The FY 2002-03 allocation for the District Attorney is \$247,783. The Sheriff's allocation for jail operations, under 36001 (b) (1) is used to offset the cost of two Deputies and various operating expenses for the Sheriff's jail facilities. The FY 2002-03 allocation for the Sheriff's jail operations is identical to the District Attorney's, at \$247,783. The front-line law enforcement portion under 36001 (b) (3) is distributed to all city jurisdictions for incorporated area services and to the Sheriff for the unincorporated area. The Sheriff's FY 2002-03 allocation will be approximately \$135,494. This allocation has, since inception, been allocated to fund the cost of one detective and a portion of the cost of one support staff for the Sexual Habitual Offender Program (SHOP). These annual funding uses and amounts have been very stable over the last seven years since SLESF was first enacted.

Vision Alignment

The SLESF allocations for these services help keep the commitment of Ensuring Basic Health and Safety for All through goal number 7: Maintaining and enhancing the public safety of all residents and visitors.

Fiscal Impact

These spending allocations are already included within the Sheriff and District Attorney's FY 2002-03 Recommended budgets, and help reduce the net County cost of these two departments. A separate FY 2002-03 spending plan for the Juvenile Justice Plan ("CPA 2000") allocation, which involves a more complex distribution program, was approved by your Board on April 16, 2002 ("d").

County Counsel has reviewed the legislation in question, and has approved this Resolution as to legal form.

Cc Deborah Penny Bennett, Deputy District Attorney
Ramen Prasad, Controller's Office SLESF Coordinator

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COUNTY MANAGER