



Board Agenda Item 22

DATE: January 6, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: John Zaroni, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Budget Resolutions to Purchase Vehicles

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. **Adopt Budget Resolution increasing FY 2025-26 appropriations for the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator Fund 0095, Subclass 17665, Federal Asset Forfeiture Org 1466 in the amount of \$100,000 (4/5 vote); and**
2. **Adopt Budget Resolution increasing FY 2025-26 appropriations and estimated revenues for Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator Org 31116313 in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase two vehicles (4/5 vote).**

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions as Federal Asset Forfeiture Treasury funds will be utilized for the purchase of two replacement vehicles. The recommended actions will establish appropriations and estimated revenues in the appropriate accounts for these expenses. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended actions are not approved, the Sheriff's Office would not be able to replace the two aging vehicles posing potential risks to operational continuity, fiscal health, and staff safety within the department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Approval of the first recommended action will increase the FY 2025-26 appropriations in the Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund (SRF) Federal Asset Forfeiture Treasury Org 1466 to process an Operating Transfer Out. Approval of the second recommended action will increase the FY 2025-26 appropriations and estimated revenues in Sheriff's Org 31116313 for program 92092 in the amount of \$100,000 for purchase of the two vehicles through an Operating Transfer In from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Treasury Org 1466. Ongoing costs, including maintenance, for these vehicles will be included in future budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

Federal Asset Forfeiture funds are received from the Department of Justice and Department of Treasury from property seized during special narcotic investigations based on the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement. The primary purpose of the Forfeiture program is for law enforcement to deter crime by depriving criminals of the profits and proceeds of their illegal activities and to weaken criminal enterprises by removing the instrumentalities of crime.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to purchase two unmarked replacement vehicles using these eligible funds. The vehicles will replace aging units that are no longer reliable for operational needs. Unmarked vehicles are commonly used across a variety of administrative and investigative functions within the Sheriff's Office. They may support administrative personnel, specialized investigative units, and detective assignments that require unmarked vehicles for routine duties, travel, and field operations. Ongoing maintenance for these vehicles is included in the FY 25-26 adopted budget and will continue to be included into subsequent budget years to ensure the vehicles serviceable and operational. The estimated cost for the vehicles, including necessary up-fitting and equipment, is \$100,000. Maintaining dependable vehicles is essential for ensuring effective law enforcement coverage and operational readiness across the County's 6,000 square miles of unincorporated areas.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Budget Resolution (Org 1466)

On file with Clerk - Budget Resolution (Org 3111)

CAO ANALYST:

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