



Board Agenda Item 35

DATE: December 3, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Application for Financial Aid for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Program for FY 2025-26

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Approve and authorize the submission of an Application for Financial Aid in the amount of \$1,824,377 to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways for the FY 2025-26 Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program in Fresno County; and**
- 2. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, or his designee to execute the Proposed Program Costs form 801.1 and the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, or his designee to execute the Certification of estimated prior year boat tax revenues.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. This application is for continuation of financial aid from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways. The FY 2025-26 application will provide for basic boating and safety enforcement needs in Fresno County and if approved, will fully fund the Boating Enforcement Unit's three full-time positions (one Sheriff's Sergeant and two Deputy Sheriffs); ten seasonal employees; operational costs; and equipment and allow for an expansion in services the unit can provide. On April 23, 2024, your Board approved the FY 2024-25 Boating Unit's operational agreement in the amount of \$452,764, which partially funds the unit's costs. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If your Board does not approve the recommended action, the Department will not be able to submit the application resulting in the loss of the Boating and Waterways grant funds for FY 2025-26.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The financial aid application for FY 2025-26 is in the amount of \$1,824,377. The application is the net proposed program cost minus the revenue from property taxes assessed on boats registered in Fresno County, which is estimated to be \$113,853 in FY 2025-26. The State will allocate funding based on the net cost submitted, which will not be determined until February 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program was established to provide financial aid to counties for their boating safety programs based on the needs of the area less revenues generated from property taxes assessed on boats in the County.

On January 20, 1982, your Board approved the Sheriff's Office Boating Unit, and an application for financial aid has been authorized each fiscal year thereafter. The Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways must receive applications six months prior to the beginning of the application period. If approved, the Department will return with the agreement for your Board's approval.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #30, April 23, 2024

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Boating Safety and Enforcement Application

CAO ANALYST:

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