



# Board Agenda Item 29

DATE: February 22, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Margaret Mims, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Retroactive Grant Application/Award/Agreement for Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program and Grant Award

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1. Retroactively approve and authorize the Sheriff's previous submittal of an online grant application on behalf of the County to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), for the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program, effective October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$508,393;**
- 2. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Sheriff's, or her designee's, execution of retroactive Grant Award/Agreement Number 2019-MC-FX-K028, which requires compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the performance of the award/agreement on behalf of the County to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), for the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program, effective October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$508,393; and**
- 3. Authorize the Sheriff, or her designee, to sign claims for reimbursement, activity reports, extend the grant ending date to expend allocated funding, and add participating law enforcement, investigative, and prosecutorial agencies to the ICAC task force.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with these recommended actions, which will approve an agreement with DOJ/OJP/OJJDP for the continuation of the Central California ICAC Task Force (Task Force) program. The first recommended action retroactively approves submittal of the online grant application on behalf of the County. The second recommended action retroactively authorizes the Sheriff's, or her designee's, execution of the cooperative agreement for the final third year of the three-year grant program. The third recommended action authorizes the Sheriff to sign documents associated with this grant agreement, as well as add participating agencies to the Task Force. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Not approving the recommended actions will result in cancellation of the grant, and de-obligation of the allocated Federal funding.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended agreement is retroactive to October 1, 2021. DOJ/OJP/OJJDP published a letter of invitation for ICAC 2021 applications on August 18, 2021. To meet the application deadline of August 31,

2021, the Department submitted the online application on August 30, 2021, contingent upon your Board's approval. The Sheriff's Office was notified on December 9, 2021 that the application was accepted for funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Sheriff's Org 31116309 FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and will be included in future budget requests to fund one Deputy Sheriff position, one Community Service Officer position, and associated costs for the Task Force. There is no match requirement associated with the program.

DISCUSSION:

OJJDP created the ICAC Task Force Program, a national network of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to enforce laws regarding ICAC, under the Missing and Exploited Children's programs within the Department of Justice Appropriations Act. The Sheriff's Office is the recipient of a DOJ/OJP/OJJDP grant to enforce laws regarding ICAC and has been using the funds to administer and operate the Task Force.

On December 15, 2020, your Board accepted the ICAC award for the performance period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$415,404; as well as the second of the three-year cooperative agreement. On February 4, 2020, your Board accepted the ICAC award for the performance period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, in the amount of \$440,767; as well as the first of a three-year cooperative agreement. The first recommended action will retroactively approve and authorize the Sheriff's submittal of an on-line application for the final third of the three-year cooperative agreement. The second recommended action will retroactively approve the Sheriff's, or her designee's, execution of the Grant Agreement.

The grant is requesting to continue funding one Deputy Sheriff position, and one Community Service Officer position to investigate internet crimes perpetrated against children; to provide educational programs aimed at law enforcement officers, teachers, parents, and children; to serve as a forensic resource to law enforcement agencies; and to participate in nationally-coordinated investigations. The application is also requesting to fund travel costs associated with task force training, software programs, and miscellaneous office supplies. The Task Force is dedicated to locating, identifying, and arresting those who prey upon our children, and who sexually exploit our children through the use of technology, including the crime of child pornography.

The Task Force service area is comprised of nine (9) counties within Central California, and presently provides training and support to sixty-one (61) cooperating affiliate agencies. Approval of the third recommended action will allow the Sheriff's Office to execute MOUs with those agencies involved in the Task Force, as well as add new agencies to the Task Force. The agencies currently participating include:

1. Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Edwards EFB
2. Arroyo Grande Police Department
3. Atascadero Police Department
4. Avenal Police Department
5. Bakersfield Police Department
6. California Highway Patrol
7. California Polytechnic State University Police
8. Chowchilla Police Department
9. Clovis Police Department
10. Clovis Unified School District Police
11. Coalinga State Hospital Services
12. Corcoran Police Department

13. Department of Justice/Bureau of Forensic Services
14. Dinuba Police Department
15. Exeter Police Department
16. Farmersville Police Department
17. Firebaugh Police Department
18. Fowler Police Department
19. Fresno County District Attorney's Office
20. Fresno County Probation
21. Fresno Police Department
22. Grover Police Department
23. Gustine Police Department
24. Hanford Police Department
25. Kerman Police Department
26. Kern County District Attorney's Office
27. Kern County Sheriff
28. Kings County District Attorney's Office Investigators
29. Kingsburg Police Department
30. Lemoore Police Department
31. Lindsay Police Department
32. Los Banos Police Department
33. Madera Police Department
34. Madera Sheriff's Office
35. Mariposa County Sheriff's Office
36. Mendota Police Department
37. Merced County Sheriff's Office
38. Merced Police Department
39. Merced County District Attorney's Office
40. Naval Criminal Investigative Services - Lemoore
41. Parlier Police Department
42. Paso Robles Police Department
43. Pismo Beach Police Department
44. Porterville Police Department
45. Reedley Police Department
46. San Luis Obispo District Attorney
47. San Luis Obispo Police Department
48. San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office
49. Sanger Police Department
50. Selma Police Department
51. State Adult Parole/Fresno
52. State Adult Parole/Visalia
53. State Adult Parole/Bakersfield
54. Tehachapi Police Department
55. Tulare County District Attorney's Office
56. Tulare County District Attorney's - Bureau of Investigations
57. Tulare County Sheriff's Office
58. Tulare Police Department
59. U.S. Attorney's Office - Eastern District California
60. Visalia Police Department
61. Woodlake Police Department

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #47, December 15, 2020

BAI #20, February 4, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Grant Application

On file with Clerk - Grant Award/Agreement

CAO ANALYST:

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