

County of Fresno

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Legislation Text

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DATE: September 26, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Margaret Mims, Sheriff-Coroner

SUBJECT: Retroactive Grant Application for Internet Crimes Against Children

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- Retroactively authorize the Sheriff-Coroner's submittal of grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program to fund the activities of the Fresno County Sheriff's ICAC Task Force effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (\$200,000);
- 2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute retroactive grant award from Cal OES, for the 2017 ICAC Grant for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (\$200,000);
- 3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification of Assurance of Compliance assuring the County will abide by the laws, policies and procedures governing this funding; and
- 4. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with these actions. Cal OES released this funding application exclusively to the five current federally funded ICAC Task Forces in California, of which the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is one. The Sheriff submitted the non-competitive application to Cal OES to meet the application deadline of August 24, 2017 contingent on your Board's approval. Once the Grant Award Face Sheet is executed by the Chairman and Cal OES, the award documents become the final Agreement between the County and Cal OES.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If your Board does not approve the recommended actions, the grant funds would be denied and would impact the department's ability to investigate computer crimes that target children.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended agreement was received from Cal OES on July 20, 2017 and subsequent time for processing delayed this item from being placed on an earlier agenda date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended actions, which will provide \$200,000 to partially fund two full-time Deputy Sheriff positions in the Sheriff's ICAC task force. Appropriations of \$354,245 and estimated revenues of \$200,000 are included in the Sheriff-Coroner's Org 3111 FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget. There is no match requirement associated with this program.

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DISCUSSION:

On August 23, 2016, your Board executed the ICAC grant application/agreement in the amount of \$200,000 effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to partially fund two-full time Deputy Sheriff positions in the Sheriff's ICAC task force. This grant application/agreement would be the fourth year of funding.

The intent of the ICAC program is to provide funding to better ensure that local law enforcement agencies are adequately equipped to investigate computer crimes that target our youth. The ICAC task force was created to assist local law enforcement agencies in enhancing their investigative response to offenders who use the internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. The Sheriff -Coroner's Office currently has four funded positions on the ICAC Task Force, two of which are partially funded by Cal OES. The remaining two positons are funded with Federal funds.

Each of the five previously funded ICAC task forces including Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, San Diego Police Department and San Jose Police Department were allocated an award of \$200,000 to cover a 12-month grant period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 contingent on passage of the FY 2017-18 State Budget Act, satisfactory project performance, and compliance with the Grant Sub-award. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will use their allocation to partially fund two Deputy Sheriff positions; and if funding is discontinued the individuals would be reassigned to vacant funded positions and the department would reduce the number of dedicated positions from four to two to investigate computer crimes that target children

In addition to the standard State and Federal certifications included in the Board of Supervisors' Administrative Policy No. 47 (i.e. Lobbying, Nondiscrimination, Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace, Conflict of Interest, Labor Code/Workers' Compensation, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Air or Water Pollution Violation), the grant also requires the certifications summarized here: the Grantee Agency will secure an audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200, Subpart F, and that the County will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights. In signing the Grant Award Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal OES that the applicant accepts this Grant Award and agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with the Grant Award as well as all applicable state and federal laws, audit requirements, federal program guidelines, and Cal OES policy and program guidance. The Grant Recipient further agrees that the allocation of funds may be contingent on the enactment of the State Budget. The fourth recommended action is a new required certification that is related to the Sheriff-Coroner Office's experience in the management of grant awards in order for Cal-OES to determine and provide an appropriate level of technical assistance, training and grant oversight.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #28, August 23, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with Cal OES

CAO ANALYST:

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