

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:

RATIFY GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM, ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:

Yes ☒ No ☐

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:

Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:

Yes ☐ No ☒

PROJECT UNDER CEQA:

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes ☐ No ☒

DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:

Yes ☒ No ☐

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for revenue contracts;

A-87 Competitive Procurement

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested. The grant will reimburse all direct costs and partially reimburse indirect costs. Public Safety Executive Office certifies that this activity would be worthy of funding with County resources if external financing were unavailable. Staying current and informed in the constantly evolving field of forensics will enable public safety departments to remain at the forefront of emerging technological and scientific trends.

Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement - Authorize single source procurement for the procurement of specialized equipment, software, and services necessary to support law enforcement and justice system operations, including but not limited to forensic analysis systems, drug detection and analysis technology, and related training, maintenance, repairs, and original manufacturer parts and supplies. These procurements—through single-source—are necessary to ensure the County maintains advanced forensic and investigative capabilities critical to public safety. Specialized equipment and software will enable law enforcement, crime laboratories and narcotics task forces to keep up with the pace of technology and. These investments promote innovation, enhance transparency, and uphold the integrity of the justice system.

Equipment, Supply and Training, and Term Period: The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Equipment and Training Program supports states, local governments, and tribes in implementing a broad range of public safety initiatives. Public Safety Executive Office has been tasked as a Lead Public Agency to submit proposals for the grant for the following departments: Sheriff's Office, The Department of Public Defender, Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office. The proposals include equipment, trainings and supplies. All purchases of equipment, supplies and trainings will be completed within the performance period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The granting agency requires equipment, supplies and trainings to have a connection to one or more Program Purpose Areas (PPAs), such as Law Enforcement programs, Prosecution and court programs, Prevention and education programs, Drug treatment and enforcement programs and

Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs. All proposals from departments meet this requirement.

The Sheriff's Office requests approval for several single source procurements within the Crime Laboratory and Narcotics Task Force. These items include: *TopMatch-3D High Capacity 3D Scanning and Analysis System*; *Gas Chromatograph with Mass Spectrometry Detector*; programming services for the *Laboratory Information Management System*; and *handheld X-ray and backscatter imaging systems*.

Benefits to the County of San Diego: The proposed action advances equity within the justice system by improving access to fair and timely justice, particularly for communities historically impacted by crime and systemic inequities. Investments in advanced forensic technology and digital evidence capabilities will strengthen accuracy and transparency in investigations. Workforce development initiatives, including training for law enforcement and probation staff, will embed culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices, promoting racial justice and reducing disparities in youth legal systems. Additionally, victim-centered crisis response will enhance outcomes for individuals and families, reinforcing trust and resilience across diverse communities.

Justification for Board Policy A-87 3A1; 3A2; 3A3: The Sheriff's Office requests approval for several single source procurements essential to ensuring **continuity**, **standardization**, and enhanced **capabilities** within the Crime Laboratory and Narcotics Task Force. To support investigative unique **capability**, the (1) *TopMatch-3D High Capacity 3D Scanning and Analysis System* (vendor: Cadre Forensics) provides unmatched scan resolution through proprietary technology, automated batch processing, and is the only system validated by the FBI and RCMP for court-admissible 3D virtual comparison microscopy. To ensure **standardization**, the Crime Laboratory seeks acquisition of a (2) *Gas Chromatograph with Mass Spectrometry Detector* (vendor: Agilent Technologies), which is fully compatible with the Lab's four existing Agilent systems and proprietary software, preserving consistency in workflow, data management, and reporting. For **continuity** of operations, sole source programming services for the (3) *Laboratory Information Management System* (Vendor: Forensic Advantage) are required, as all forensic documentation and reporting rely on this proprietary platform, which can only be supported and expanded by its original developer. Finally, to maintain **continuity** and operational effectiveness in the field, the Narcotics Task Force requests (4) *handheld X-ray and backscatter imaging systems* (Vendor: Viken Detection), which are already in use by the Sheriff's Office; procuring the same systems ensures seamless integration, avoids costly retraining, and preserves proven effectiveness in narcotics interdiction.

Authority for single source procurement of these items, goods and services from specific manufacturers and vendors is requested due to the need of Unique Capability (Board Policy A-87 3A1); Standardization (Board Policy A-87 3A2); and Continuity (Board Policy A-87 3A3). All items are identified with full details and justifications in Attachment B - Equipment and Programming List..

Fair and Reasonable Price: Fair and Reasonable pricing will be determined by market research, pricing information from previous purchases, competitive procurement, and negotiations with authorized vendors.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety Group

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): Department of Purchasing and Contracting

INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED: YES ☒ NO ☐

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