

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 4 GRANT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR THE EXPANSION OF REENTRY LANDSCAPE AND HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZE A GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program, approved by California voters in 2024, provides funding to support watershed protection, wildfire resilience, habitat restoration, and workforce development aligned with the San Diego River Conservancy's mission. The San Diego Sheriff's Office (Sheriff), Reentry Services Division (RSD), seeks to utilize this funding to support the expansion of the Reentry Landscape and Horticulture Programs at the East Mesa Reentry Facility as part of its development to enhance program services, focused on environmental education, climate-resilient training, and sustainable practices for individuals in custody. This funding will also support enhancements to the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility to expand the use of outdoor learning spaces for horticulture students, offering more shade, reducing water usage, and supporting biodiversity. Students will learn how to create a biodiverse habitat with growing conditions that improve air quality, support stormwater management, and accommodate oak tree growth at various stages. Grant resources would also support new training spaces, modern classroom enhancements, educational equipment, and technology to strengthen sustainability-focused career technical education.

Today's action requests authorization from the Board for the Sheriff to apply for and accept up to \$2,023,054 in grant funding from the San Diego River Conservancy, including reviewing and executing all related documents for the Proposition 4 Grant Program, and adopt the required resolution. This action also seeks authorization for the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue competitive solicitations necessary to support program expansion. This action is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); therefore, no environmental determination is required. If awarded, the funding will enhance rehabilitative programming, expand access to environmental and vocational training within reentry facilities, and support climate-resilient initiatives benefiting both participants and the broader community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Authorize the San Diego Sheriff's Office (Sheriff) to apply for and, if awarded, accept an estimated amount of up to \$2,023,054 in grant revenue from the San Diego River Conservancy for the San Diego Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to apply for and accept grant funding from San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant in subsequent years if there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.

3. Authorize the Sheriff and/or designee to review and execute in this year and subsequent years, all required San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 grant and grant-related documents including any agreements, annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding levels.
4. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 4 GRANT PROGRAM.
5. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue competitive solicitations as needed to support the expansion of the Reentry Landscape and Horticulture programs for incarcerated persons at the reentry facilities, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price and subject to an award of grant funds, award contracts for a term of up to one year, with up to four option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes in services and funding as included in the Proposition 4 Grant Program.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of the San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program, to be used by the San Diego Sheriff's Office, Reentry Services Division to enhance the Landscaping and Horticultural Program, will support the improvement of learning objectives and expansion of workforce training and environmental education offered to those incarcerated in the County of San Diego. This contributes to a more effective and equitable justice system as the funding supports the initial development of program enhancements, offering access to environmental education and vocational programs to various populations in detention facilities that may have been restricted in the past due to their secure setting. Enhanced program services would offer equitable programming opportunities while providing nature-based solutions for climate resilience. These funds would support an expansion of the Landscaping and Horticultural Programs at both East Mesa Reentry Facility and the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility, directly benefitting San Diego County parks, while expanding on the environmentally conscious education and employment opportunities for the individuals in these programs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program furthers the Sustainability goals of the County of San Diego (County) by helping the San Diego Sheriff's Office enrich career technical education programs for the incarcerated population that contribute to best sustainability practices, while improving successful reentry through employment pathways in a field that contributes to climate resilience. This program expansion, will add to students education and experience in both small-scale and commercial level composting, contribute to County reforestation efforts as the program provides oak trees offering shade and improved air quality to San Diego County parks, and contribute to the ongoing development of enhanced program services focused on training, education, and sustainability practices for incarcerated individuals within Sheriff's custody.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to apply for and accept grant funding in the estimated amount of up to \$2,023,054 from the San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program and requested action to issue a competitive solicitation. There are no matching funds required.

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the San Diego Sheriff's Office. The funding source is the San Diego River Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program, also referred to as the 2024 Climate Bond. There will be no change in the net general fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 26-023, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 4 GRANT PROGRAM.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter