



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: SHERIFF

File #: 22-452

Board Meeting Date: 6/14/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

Subject: Recognizing Unanticipated Revenue from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Authorizing the execution of the FY 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program grant sub-awarded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for distribution to the County of San Mateo for the term of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$64,228; and
- B) Approving an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$64,228 to establish a budget appropriation and record revenue for the grant subaward.

BACKGROUND:

The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (CQ) Program grant, sub-awarded through Cal OES, offers an opportunity for government entities with existing crime laboratories to obtain funding for improvements. This grant program assists with improving the quality and timeliness of forensic science services, reducing backlogs, and maintaining accreditation. These improvements are critical in reducing backlogs and helping the criminal justice system use the full potential of forensic technology.

DISCUSSION:

The Sheriff's Office applied for and has been awarded the 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (CQ) Program grant in the amount of \$64,228, for a period commencing April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Funding will assist with overall turnaround time for the testing of controlled substances and firearms, increase the throughput of the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory, and reduce existing controlled substances and firearms casework backlogs. In addition, funding will assist to maintain continuing education of staff in the fields of latent print examination, firearms examination, and crime scene investigation.

The 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (CQ) Program award will be applied towards funding travel and training expenses, and personnel expenses for overtime.

The State requires a resolution from the Board authorizing execution of the grant subaward, including any extensions or amendments thereof. The State also requires that the Resolution provide authorization for matching funds, although the Sheriff does not expect needing to provide matching funds. The State also prohibits grant funds from being used to supplant County funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Appropriation Transfer Request accepts unanticipated revenue of \$64,228 from Cal OES. The term of the grant is from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. There is no Net County Cost.