

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date
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Agenda Item No:

Department: Sheriff's Department

(x) 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
04/28/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Award acceptance and appropriation transfer for FY 08-09 California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) and Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) grants.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept grant awards for the FY 08-09 California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) and Anti-Drug Abuse Grant (ADA) grants;
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Sheriff's Department FY 08-09 Adopted Budget to appropriate unanticipated revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$227,946 associated with the Sheriff's ongoing participation in the Cal-MMET and ADA grants.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost **\$253,001**

Amount Budgeted **\$25,055**

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Additional Requested: **\$227,946**

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Contingencies **\$**
(Fund Name:)

Unanticipated Revenue **\$** **\$227,946**
(Source: Grant Funding)

Other Transfer(s) **\$**
(Source:)

Add'l Funds Requested: **\$** **\$227,946**

Explanation (if required): \$19,945 in ADA grant funds and \$5,110 in Cal-MMET grant funds were budgeted in FY 08-09.

Prior Board Action(s):

11/7/06 – Board authorized application for Cal-MMET grant; 12/12/06 – Board authorized appropriation of revenue for Cal-MMET grant. Annual participation in ADA grant since 1991.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

If not approved by the Board, the Sheriff's Department will be unable to use funding granted by the California Emergency Management Agency for enhancing narcotic disruption efforts in Sonoma County.

Background: (on file with the clerk: Cal-MMET and ADA award notifications; ADA modification)

The Sheriff requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize him to accept grant awards and adopt a corresponding resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the Sheriff's Department FY 08-09 Adopted Budget to appropriate unanticipated revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$227,946 associated with the California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) and Anti-Drug Abuse (ADA) grants. The grant funding period for both grants is July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, and both grants are administered by California's Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA; formerly, Office of Emergency Services). Cal-EMA supplanting rules prevent the use of grant funds to offset existing position costs.

ADA

ADA Background

The Sheriff's Department has been receiving annual awards for the ADA grant since 1991. The County's ADA program combines the efforts of the Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department, and the District Attorney's Office (DA) for the purpose of developing cases against drug dealers and coordinating other narcotic investigation and enforcement activities performed by various law enforcement agencies within Sonoma County. The total grant award has been shared by these three Departments. The Sheriff's Department has the responsibility for administration of this grant.

ADA – FY 08-09

The FY 08-09 ADA application that was submitted and approved by Cal-EMA was for a total award of \$184,428. Of this amount \$37,233 was allocated to the DA for a portion of a deputy district attorney, \$19,945 was allocated to the Sheriff's Department for overtime and training and \$127,250 was allocated to Probation for a the ADA Probation Officer.

After the ADA application was submitted, the Sheriff and Chief of Probation decided to modify the ADA Program. The Sheriff and Chief of Probation agreed to use the grant funding historically used for the ADA Probation Officer to fund an ADA Detective instead. This decision was made for two reasons: the first reason being that the detective position is more appropriately capable of implementing and achieving the objectives of the grant, and secondly, it was determined that collaboration and support from Probation could be maintained at an adequate level without staffing a full-time probation officer. Subsequently, a grant modification was submitted to Cal-EMA and approved. Given the grant modification and corresponding agreement between the Sheriff and Probation Chief, the Sheriff's Department Adopted Budget needs to be adjusted accordingly.

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Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk: FY 08-09 Cal-MMET and ADA grant award notifications and ADA approved grant modification

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background (continued):

Based on this decision, the Sheriff's Department is using the ADA funds to dual fill a position in the Property Crimes Investigative (PCI) Unit for a nine month period. The "dual fill" allows the Sheriff to return the employee occupying the grant position to Patrol when the grant program funding is eliminated. Property crimes are often drug related as many drug users steal to support their habit. In FY 07-08, when PCI assistance was incorporated into the narcotics grant programs, they disrupted a large methamphetamine sales ring and seized over 6.5 pounds of methamphetamines from various investigations. Several other narcotic related arrests and seizures were made as well. The PCI Unit coordinates with the Narcotics Unit and other criminal justice organizations to actively pursue the goals and objectives of the ADA grant.

ADA Appropriations Needed

ADA funds in the amount of \$19,945 are currently in the Department's FY 08-09 Adopted Budget. Before the Probation Chief and Sheriff agreed to modify the ADA operational structure, the funding was planned for ADA related operational overtime and training. Based on the new operational structure, and subsequent ADA modification (explained above) the accompanying resolution will allow the Sheriff's Department to fund a dual fill ADA detective for nine months (\$117,630) and mandatory grant related training (\$3,304), for a total ADA award share of \$120,934. The DA's office portion remains unchanged (\$37,233) and the Probation Department received funding for approximately two months of a FTE Probation Officer (\$26,261) for the work performed before the change was made. These amounts comprise the total ADA award of \$184,428.

Cal-MMET

Cal-MMET Background

During FY 06-07 the Sheriff's Department applied for and successfully received Cal-MMET grant funds. These funds were used to dual fill two detective positions on the SNTF, add one canine team to the Narcotics Unit, add one canine team to PCI Unit, and to procure the related supplies, equipment, and training for these additions. Under the Cal-MMET program, the Sheriff's Department conducts intensive investigative activities specific to methamphetamine (meth), increases probation searches of meth offenders, pursues meth-related search warrants, reports drug endangered children cases, and collaborates with various other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

CAL-MMET – FY 08-09

The FY 06-07 Cal-MMET project was extended into FY 07-08, but was predicted to terminate in FY 08-09 as a result of the State's budget crisis. For seven months of FY 08-09, the Department received volatile information about the continuance of Cal-MMET funding. Finally, on March 9, 2009 the Sheriff received an award for another year of Cal-MMET funding. Cal-EMA also indicated that funding will be increased in FY 08-09 and extended through FY 09-10. The official documentation for the extension is still being processed at this time. The Department will return to the Board once the documents have been finalized. Therefore, \$132,067 of appropriations can be added to the Sheriff's Department budget to pay for the project's expenses.

Currently, the SNTF lacks enough personnel to pursue all potential narcotics related investigations. Furthermore, high-level, high risk narcotics investigations require a large number of personnel. The Cal-MMET project is funding one detective in the Narcotics Unit, one canine and the associated handler pay in PCI, and operational overtime for high-level narcotic investigations. The additional dual fill detective provided by this grant will allow the SNTF to pursue more investigative leads and increase investigative activities.

Background (continued):

The SNTF is also limited by the amount of funding available for undercover operations. The project's additional funding for undercover operations will allow the STNF to pursue leads of upper-level narcotic dealers. Canine teams help increase meth seizures by locating narcotics undetectable by humans alone. In addition, the teams expedite searches of homes, vehicles, buildings, and outdoor areas. The canine teams have proven their value in both investigative and patrol efforts. Finally, the Cal-MMET funds will be used for supplies and confidential funds. Confidential funds are used for under cover narcotics purchases. For the past two years, the Department has been seeking out additional revenue sources for confidential funds due to necessary budget reductions and the fact that narcotics prices have more than doubled within the last year.

Cal-MMET Appropriations Needed

Cal-MMET funds in the amount of \$5,110 are currently in the Department's FY 08-09 Adopted Budget. At the time of the budget preparation, Cal-MMET funding was uncertain; \$5,110 was budgeted for one of the narcotic canines and the corresponding handler pay. The actual Cal-MMET grant award is \$132,067. Therefore, the accompanying resolution will allow the Sheriff's Department to fund a portion of a dual fill Cal-MMET detective, (\$53,637), operational overtime (\$43,197), canine team, and supplies (\$35,233).

Requested Action

Therefore, the Sheriff is requesting that the Board:

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