



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



February 4, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF AND  
PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT  
FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Adopt a resolution to accept funding offered by the State of California (State) through the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in support of boating safety and enforcement on waters within Los Angeles County (County).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Adopt the attached Resolution whereby the Board:
  - Accepts the Legislature's commitment to provide future baseline funding for the County and gives priority consideration to any application submitted by the County to secure State funding, in support of boating safety and enforcement on waters within the County.
  - Reaffirms the continued participation of the County, through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), in the California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program (Program) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.

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- Certifies that the County, as a participant in the Program, shall expend the equivalent of 100 percent of its revenues collected from personal property tax on vessels of boat owners within the County for boating safety and enforcement.
  - Authorizes the Sheriff, or his designee(s), as County agents to sign and submit an application and related expenditure reimbursement claims to DBW for State funding.
  - Authorizes the State funding received through the Program to be distributed to the Department.
  - Authorizes the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to certify the amount of prior year vessel taxes received by the County.
  - Authorizes the Sheriff, or his designee, as the County agent to sign the grant award agreement, if awarded.
2. Find that the resolution and the funding of the County programs are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The DBW offers funding as long as the County conducts boating safety and enforcement activities. The DBW requires one adopted resolution by the Board per FY to designate one or more agencies to participate in the Program. The DBW is requesting that the attached resolution for FY 2025-26 be executed for submission with the application.

The designation of the Sheriff, or his designee(s), as signatories to the Department application is consistent with the Board's instructions of December 8, 1994, to pursue long-term funding from the State.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions will support the County's Strategic Plan's North Star III: Realize tomorrow's government today; Focus Area G: Internal Controls and Processes: Strengthen our internal controls and processes, while being cognizant of efficiency, to continue good stewardship of the public trust and fiscal responsibility; Strategy I. Maximize Revenue: Implement processes to systematically leverage resources to help fund County initiatives.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

All funds received, up to the \$2,120,000 maximum, will offset existing expenses that would be incurred by the Department's boating and waterways enforcement operations regardless of any subsidies

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under the Program, the DBW provides financial aid from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to counties, as authorized by Section 663.7 of the Harbors and Navigation Code. This Program has existed since 1995 and complies with an agreement for the State to provide funding to the County as part of the ownership transfer of eight beaches. A key part of the agreement was the State's commitment to provide long-term funding assistance to the region. In previous years, the Department has been the subrecipient of these funds, which were received and distributed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The Department has applied to receive the funding directly pursuant to the FY 2023-24 Final Adopted Budget approved by the Board on September 12, 2023.

The Harbors and Navigation Code and application criteria require that the Board, by resolution, authorize the County's participation in the Program and certify that the County will expend no less than 100 percent of the amount collected from personal property taxes on vessels for boating safety and enforcement programs during the funding year.

The attached resolution has been approved, as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This Resolution and the funding of the County programs are exempt from the CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3).

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The services shall continue upon execution of this Agreement.

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**CONCLUSION**

Continued participation in the Program will prevent disruption to the Department's boating safety and law enforcement efforts. The Board's adoption of the Resolution authorizes participation in the Program.

Upon approval by the Board, please return four copies of the adopted Board letter and attachments to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. LUNA  
SHERIFF

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, pursuant to Section 663.7 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, provides supplemental State funding under the State Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program to qualifying counties for boating safety and enforcement programs on waters under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is charged with providing vital boating safety and enforcement services to a population in excess of nine (9) million people and over 60,000 registered boaters; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, has received prior boating safety and enforcement allocations from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, in Fiscal Years (FYs) 1995-1996 through 2021-2022, and 2023-2024, which has established an annual baseline funding for future participation in the program in accordance with Subdivision (g) of Section 5002.6 of the Public Resource Code and as addressed by Assembly Bill 122 (Rainey), Chapter 971, Statutes of 1996, Section 2 under the Harbors and Navigation Code Sections 85.2 and 663.7(a) and (c)(1).

WHEREAS, the current levels of those boating safety and enforcement services will continue through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, allocation of said funding to any county or a public agency therein is contingent upon the County's governing body, the Board of Supervisors, adopting a resolution authorizing participation in the California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program and certifying that, during the funding year, an amount at least equal to the total amount collected by the County from personal property taxes on vessels will be expended on specified boating safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department wish to participate in the California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, and will distribute the funds from the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program solely to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is hereby authorized to participate in and apply for the California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program for FY 2025-2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby certifies that during FY 2025-2026, the funding year, an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount received by the County in personal property taxes levied on vessels of boat owners within the County during FY 2024-

2025, the most recent fiscal year for which the annual total figure is available, will be expended on specified boating safety programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to certify the FY 2024-25 vessel taxes received by the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Robert G. Luna, or his designee, as the County agent, to sign and submit this application and related expenditure reimbursement claims and be the County agent for future applications under the California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program subject to funding application filed pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Section 663.7 subdivision (c)(1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the Sheriff of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Robert G. Luna, or his designee, as the County agent, to sign the grant award agreement, if awarded.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the ex officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board also acts.

EDWARD YEN, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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County Counsel

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