



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



February 11, 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:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) is requesting that the Board adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution (Resolution) and authorize the Sheriff to accept and execute a grant award in an amount up to \$2,887,500 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The HSGP is funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 97.067, passing through Cal OES. The HSGP will finance the Regional Threat Assessment Center (RTAC) Program for the prevention of terrorism and the enhancement of all crime/hazard prevention support functions of the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) Fusion Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution delegating authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute the FY 2024 HSGP award and take the actions necessary to obtain the HSGP federal financial assistance provided by the DHS and sub-granted through Cal OES, as a requirement of the grant application process.

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2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute the attached Grant Award Notification Number 2024-5088, Cal OES Identification Number 037-91034, in the amount of \$2,887,500 with no required match, for the FY 2024 HSGP grant funds, CFDA Number 97.067, as distributed through Cal OES, for the grant period of September 1, 2024, through May 31, 2027.
3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute and submit all required grant documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, modifications, extensions, augmentations, and reimbursement requests necessary for completion of the FY 2024 HSGP.
4. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute funding agreements with various outside law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the State of California (State) Department of Justice (DOJ) for reimbursement of FY 2024 HGSP funds, and to execute, as necessary, all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations to such funding agreements.
5. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to apply and submit a grant application to Cal OES for the RTAC Program in future FYs, and to execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future funding becomes available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The DHS has released FY 2024 HSGP funding through Cal OES to enhance the capacity of State and local agencies to identify and respond to acts of terrorism, as well as natural disasters. This grant award is specifically designed for the JRIC, which is the Greater Los Angeles Area Fusion Center managed by the Department. The grant funding provided to the County for the JRIC is used for planning, equipment, training, organization, program management, and administration for terrorism prevention, preparedness, and response. Overtime funds are distributed among the Department, CHP, LADA, and LAPD personnel. Overtime activities may include working on tips and leads, Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Coordination, assessment and support of security activities authorized for special events and states of emergency, attendance of DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency approved training, after-hour calls or responses, event follow-up, among other activities. One DOJ employee manages the JRIC website and assists the TLO Coordination Program with planning, coordinating, tracking, and scheduling all antiterrorism-related training. Equipment purchases may

include general office supplies, information technology (IT) subscription services for intelligence analysts to perform data mining, as well as IT maintenance and malware detection/prevention, and wireless data and service plans for smart tablets and phones and various other software and equipment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The requested actions support the County Strategic Plan's North Star II: Foster vibrant and resilient communities; Focus Area C: Public Safety: Enhance the safety of the public and our communities by addressing the risks, danger, harm, and conditions that cause, drive, or can help mitigate unlawful activity and crime and supports law enforcement accountability and transparency; Strategy I. Prevention, Protection & Security: Support and invest in innovative practices, crime prevention resources and infrastructure to provide protection and security.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The FY 2024 HSGP funding of \$2,887,500 will be utilized for the following: salaries and employee benefits (\$114,600 - overtime only), services and supplies (\$2,610,700 - training, contracts, IT, and planning), and other charges (\$162,200 - participating agencies). The HSGP has three-year grant periods that are applied for on an annual basis and which run concurrently. There are sufficient funds in the 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget. Funding for FY 2025-26 will be included within the Department's FY 2025-26 Supplemental Budget Request.

This is the 13th year the Department will receive direct funding for this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Statement of Proceedings of the 2021 HSGP, dated April 19, 2022, required the Sheriff to allow the Inspector General to monitor the operations of the Department's activities as they relate to the JRIC.

The Department submitted a grant application on February 20, 2024, and upon review of the Department's application, the Cal OES awarded to the Department the grant in the amount of \$2,887,500 with no match requirement. The grant period will be from September 1, 2024, through May 31, 2027. The Department provided a copy of the Cal OES subaward approval letter to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and notified the OIG of the Department's intention to seek Board approval to accept this grant. The OIG indicated its approval on November 1, 2024.

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The Cal OES requires that the Resolution be adopted by the Board as evidence that certain County personnel have the authority to execute, on behalf of the County, grant awards and all other necessary actions needed for the purpose of the FY 2024 HSGP funding.

The Sheriff requests delegated authority to execute funding agreements with outside law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the LADA, LAPD, CHP, and DOJ for reimbursement of FY 2024 HSGP funds for services rendered to the JRIC, and to execute, as necessary, all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations to such funding agreements.

The Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The FY 2024 HSGP funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving and enhancing the County's ability to mitigate all threats and incidents of terrorism.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two copies of the adopted Board letter and two original signed Resolutions to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

Governing Body Resolution
Fiscal Year 2024
Homeland Security Grant Program

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that

- Sheriff of Los Angeles County OR
- Undersheriff of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) OR
- Assistant Sheriff, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer (CFAO) of LASD OR
- Director of Financial Programs Bureau, LASD OR
- Captain of Emergency Operations Bureau, RTAC Program OR
- Project Manager of the HSGP, RTAC Program OR
- Assistant Project Manager of the HSGP, RTAC Program

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and

Be it further resolved that (1) the County agrees to provide all matching funds required for the grant project and that any cash match will be appropriated as required; (b) any liability arising out of the performance of the grant agreement shall be the responsibility of the County; and (c) grant funds shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the County Board of Supervisors.

The foregoing Governing Body Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By: Michèle Jackson
Principal Deputy County Counsel