



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/9/2025

File #: 25-1328

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution for the Boating Safety and Enforcement (BS&E) Financial Aid 2026-27 Program.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept and adopt Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Sheriff, Undersheriff or the Sheriff's Deputy Director of Financial & Support Services to sign the application, contract, and reimbursement claims for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program and authorize the Auditor-Controller or designee to certify the prior year vessel taxes; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a signed copy of the resolution to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), Attention: Julie Martin for submittal to funding agency.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

HCSO BS&E focuses mainly on boating safety through education and outreach. This is achieved through vessel inspections for safety equipment and current registrations. Inspections are most often done during field contacts at local marinas and boat ramps, as well as boat patrols on the waterways. In addition, the BS&E program assists with search and rescue operations for over 500 miles of freshwater river systems and over 400 square miles of saltwater along the Humboldt Bay.

The State Parks program requires the county to provide this Resolution with the application packet. If awarded, the funds would be used to support one full-time Deputy Sheriff with the primary duties of enforcement of state and local laws and regulations for boating activities, inspection of vessels for compliance, supervision of organized on-the-water boating activities and search and rescue operations originating from on-the-water activities. The funding also covers extra-help and overtime of other Deputy Sheriffs providing services specific to enforcing boating laws.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California State Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (State Parks) - 1100221900

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100,221900)	FY26-27 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$121,530</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$121,530</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Funding Sources (1100,221900)	FY26-27 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	<u>\$121,530</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$121,530</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

If awarded, HCSO will include the award as part of the annual budget submittal for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 in budget unit 1100221900. It is anticipated that the award will be similar to FY 2025-26 award in the amount of \$121,530.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Award of this funding will allow HCSO to maintain existing staffing levels. Currently a Deputy Sheriff is assigned to support Boating Safety and patrols of Humboldt County waterways covered by grant funds. There are also highwater usages seasons and special events in which the grant covers approximately 400 additional Deputy Sheriff overtime hours.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California State Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the authorization to participate in the BS&E Program, however this is not recommended as these funds cover expenses related to the county's boating safety and enforcement activities. Without this funding HCSO would be forced to curtail or terminate the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Boating Safety Grant Resolution FY26-27

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A