



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Acceptance of Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Agreement and Supplemental Budget (4/5 Vote Required)

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Agreement Number 2020-VD-BX-0426 (Attachment 1) between the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Justice Programs;
2. Authorize the Sheriff, Undersheriff, and Deputy Director of Sheriff's Administration to execute all the necessary reimbursement claims, applications, contracts, and agreements and amendments thereto, in the name of the County of Humboldt, and all other documents required by for participation; and
3. Approve the supplemental budget (Attachment 2) for Sheriff Operations budget unit 1100-221802 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant (4/5 vote required).

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

**DISCUSSION:**

The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program solicitation was released on March 30, 2020. This program provides funding to eligible entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. It was authorized by Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 116-136 Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations); 28 U.S.C. 530C.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) applied for this supplemental funding on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. In alignment with the goals of this grant, a request was made to fund the purchase of laptops and disposable resuscitators for deputies. The Coronavirus pandemic has placed a necessary focus on limiting physical proximity to others. This includes coworkers and the public the department serves. Desktop computers in a confined office space are no longer safe to be shared between dozens of deputies. By purchasing rugged laptops, deputies will be able to perform essential functions from a safe distance. Citizens in respiratory distress who need lifesaving efforts by a responding deputy

should be able to receive them without both parties being put at further risk. With the remaining allocation, disposable resuscitators can be purchased. These precautions are a product of the new reality facing our first responders. The funding was awarded on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The supplemental budget request (Attachment 2) recognizes \$60,602 of grant revenue. These grant funds are provided for specified activities directly related to coronavirus prevention, preparedness, and response. Any unused funds will be retained by the federal government at the end of the term. Acceptance of this agreement will have no impact on the county's General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents, creating opportunities for improved safety and health, and seeking outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the authorization to accept the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant, however this is not recommended as the funds help purchase needed supplies for improved safety of deputies.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Agreement Number 2020-VD-BX-0426 between HCSO and the Office of Justice Programs

Attachment 2 - Supplemental Budget for 1100-221802 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A