



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/14/2026

File #: 26-660

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Accept a Donation to Support Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) - Special Services Division Search and Rescue (SAR) Program, establish a fixed asset for a Swift Water Rescue Boat and Supplemental Budget in the Amount of \$57,220 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept a donation in the amount of \$57,220 from the Humboldt Deputy Sheriff's Organization (HDSO) (Attachment 1); and
2. Approve a supplemental budget in the amount of \$57,220 in Budget Unit 1100-221530, Search and Rescue and establish a fixed asset for a swift water rescue boat (Attachment 2) (4/5 Vote Required).

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:

The HDSO has made a donation to the HCSO SAR Program in the amount of \$57,220. This is made possible due to support from the Christine and Jalmer Berg Foundation. The donation is specifically for the SAR Program to enhance the program and is not intended to supplant or replace any other budgeted resources for the program. The HCSO SAR Program has evaluated needs and is requesting the funds be used to purchase a rigid hull inflatable boat for rescue operations, supplies (e.g., radios, first-aid kits and splints, rope), clothing and protective gear (e.g., dry suits, helmets), and swift water training.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

HDSO Donation (1100-221530 Search and Rescue)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 221909)	FY26-27
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$0</u>
Additional Appropriation Requested	<u>\$57,220</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$57,220</u>

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

Funding Sources (1100, 221909)	FY26-27
General Fund	<u>\$0</u>
Fees/Other	<u>\$57,220</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$57,220</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

A supplemental budget in the amount of \$57,220 is requested for this donation and purchases as it was not anticipated in the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 budget for 1100-221530 - Search and Rescue. Approximately \$45,732 for a swift water rescue boat fixed asset, \$2,320 for supplies, \$4,368 for clothing and protective gear, and \$4,800 for swift water training.

Ongoing maintenance of the boat will be funded through the annual Boating grant or with Sheriff Asset Forfeiture funds.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact other than the time needed to make purchases and schedule training.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to accept this donation. This is not recommended as it would prevent the SAR Program from procuring needed resources and attending specialized training which ensures the success of the SAR Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Supplemental Budget

Attachment 2: Donation Letter

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

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