

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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**FROM:** Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
11/30/04

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a Grant Award to Expand the Drug Endangered Children Program and the Adoption of Resolution 440- 8576

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$296,843 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to expand the Drug Endangered Children Program, and authorize the Chairperson and Sheriff to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution 440- 8576 submitted herewith. Per the Resolution add the following positions:  

Ord. 440	Class Code	+/-	Class Title	Salary Plan	Grade	Salary
2500300000	37608	+1	Sheriff's Investigator	RSA	181	\$50,418-\$67,703
2500300000	77459	+1	Crime Analyst	SEU	451	\$43,942-\$57,235
2500200000	79837	+1	Research Specialist I	SEU	478	\$45,575-\$59,433
3. Accept the donation from Prevent Child Abuse, Riverside County and Perris Valley residents of a motor home for use as a response vehicle and temporary shelter for children and approve the grant-funded purchase of another motor home.
4. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A. (Continued on Page 2) BR 05-049

*Janis K Conklin*  
for Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$183,380	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2004-05

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Grant Funds</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**  
**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature** *Sally A. Beaman*

DEPARTMENT OF FLEET SERVICES

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED  
Dep't Director: E. BYRD, Assistant Controller Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.: *Sue W. ...* 11/18/04  
BY  Consent  Deputy

Approved by Ronald W. Komers  
Deputy County Executive Officer

**3.25**

In 1998 the Sheriff's Department began tracking the number of children present at clandestine methamphetamine labs in Riverside County; through the end of June 2004, 665 children have been identified. Tragically, two hundred and forty-seven of these children were less than three years of age; the most vulnerable time in a child's development.

From October 1999 through July 2002, the Sheriff's Department operated a Drug Endangered Children Project in cooperation with the Department of Public Social Services/Child Protective Services and the District Attorney's Office. Program funds were provided, in part, by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning. Data on 78 children from cases closed during that period show that 27 children suffered from severe neglect, five were victims of sexual abuse, eight were victims of severe physical abuse, 18 were born addicted to methamphetamine, one third were underweight, six reported a continuous dry cough that was related to chemical exposure, 18 had abnormal blood test results and 74 were not immunized against preventable diseases.

In 2003 alone, the Inland Narcotics Clearinghouse (INCH) reported that 101 labs and 24 dumpsites were discovered; 70 pounds of methamphetamine and 51 gallons of liquid meth (equivalent to 204 pounds of finished meth) were seized, and 202 people were arrested. Sixty-seven children were removed from these sites. The labs are becoming larger and it is essential that more personnel are available to meet the needs of children found where methamphetamine is produced.

This two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS) will allow the Sheriff's Department to support greater coordination among all agencies that must work together to provide a continuum of care for children who not only are removed from the methamphetamine lab environment, but are frequently in need of substantial medical, mental health and social service support. With the addition of a grant-funded Investigator, the Sheriff will now have two response teams to meet the increasing demand to remove children from methamphetamine production sites.

The Sheriff's Department will make the provision of greater community education and awareness, a key element of the funded project. Emergency medical response personnel, fire fighters, utility company personnel, postal workers and other community agency staff who frequent homes where children are present will be given training to help them identify children who may be impacted by methamphetamine production and use. It is important that teachers, day care providers and the community at large have a better understanding of the effects methamphetamine has on children if the Sheriff's Department and Child Protective Services are to have the broad base of support necessary to intervene in the lives of endangered children.

Grant funds will be used to support hiring a Crime Analyst who will work at INCH. This analyst will track methamphetamine activity and provide a variety of analyses on the impact of enforcement and child protection activities. Grant funds will also support adding the services of a Research Specialist I in the Grants Unit. The incumbent in this position will conduct an evaluation of the COPS Methamphetamine Grant efforts. This evaluation will encompass both the

process of the program and its outcome. The Research Specialist I will work with all project participants, those supported by the grant and those from across Riverside County (District Attorney staff, public health nurses, child protective service workers, teachers, local law enforcement) to determine the program's impact on the community.

Another key to the success of this project - the grant-funded staff from the Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau will work with the community oriented policing officers at all other stations in order to identify smaller methamphetamine cooking sites. These officers are on the front lines and are often the first to come in contact with the problem. For example, a routine traffic stop by a Hemet police officer in May 2004 led to identification of a lab and 25 children, living at the motel property where the lab was found.

Finally, grant funds will support the purchase of a response vehicle. When children are discovered at a methamphetamine lab they must be immediately removed from danger and decontaminated. Through Supervisor Marion Ashley's leadership, Perris community residents have been raising funds for several months to make a mobile safe haven a reality by purchasing a converted motor home for the County. Supervisor Ashley has worked with Fleetwood Enterprises on the conversion, which will provide a motor home where the children can be comfortable, fed, provided with toys and avoid watching traumatizing events, such as the arrest of their parents or significant adult figures. The Supervisor's efforts have ensured, not only that the vehicle will become a reality, but that the cost will be considerably less than if the County were to purchase the vehicle without his assistance. The new grant funding will allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase an identical vehicle to be used for children in East County operations. Maintenance and mileage costs will be absorbed by the Sheriff's budget, as these are unallowable costs under the provisions of the COPS grant.

County Counsel has approved the grant award agreement documents as to form. The term of the grant is from 1/23/04 through 1/31/06.

## Schedule A

### Increase Appropriations:

10000-2500200000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$22,787
10000-2500200000-518100	Budgeted Benefits	<u>\$8,203</u>
	Sub-total	\$30,990
10000-2500300000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$64,102
10000-2500300000-518100	Budgeted Benefits	\$26,612
10000-2500300000-510420	Overtime	\$6,535
10000-2500300000-518080	Other Budgeted Benefits	\$364
10000-2500300000-528920	Car Pool Expense	\$35,000
10000-2500300000-523640	Computer Equipment	\$12,098
10000-2500300000-523600	Audio Visual Expenses	<u>\$7,679</u>
	Sub-total	\$152,390
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,380</b>

### Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-2500200000-767220	Federal Other Grants	\$30,990
10000-2500300000-767220	Federal Other Grants	<u>\$152,390</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,380</b>

