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



FROM: Stanley Sniff, Sheriff - Coroner - PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
05/08/08

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program Grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) grant award in the amount of \$1,602,249, and authorize the Sheriff to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has notified the Riverside County Sheriff's Department that it has been allocated HIDTA Program funds for this year. The proposed grant award period will be from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. County Counsel has approved the award documents as to form.

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Will Taylor For Will Taylor
Stanley L. Sniff, Jr., Sheriff - Coroner - PA

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *Synthia M. Gunzel* DATE: *5-12-08*
 SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL
 Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 526,011	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007 - 08

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Steve P. Schubert*
Steve P. Schubert

County Executive Office Signature

Dept'l Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

For over sixteen years, Riverside County has participated in the HIDTA program, which fosters cooperation among law enforcement agencies in their efforts to eliminate drug trafficking locally and nationally. The LA-HIDTA is comprised of the Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The Office of National Drug Control Policy has awarded one grant award totaling \$1,602,249, with Riverside County having fiduciary responsibility for funding distribution.

The following is the distribution of the grant funds:

- Regional Methamphetamine Task Force (RMTF) / Riverside County \$241,459
- Regional Methamphetamine Task Force (RMTF) / San Bernardino County \$550,228
- Inland Narcotics Clearing House (INCH) \$453,786
- Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA) \$356,776

No County match is required.

Operating with a focus throughout the entire LA-HIDTA region, the primary mission of the RMTF is to target major methamphetamine production, distribution, and Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) by investigating, disrupting, and arresting person(s) and organizations involved in illicit sales and trafficking of methamphetamine thereby improving the quality of life for all citizens, both regionally and nationally.

Statistics indicate that methamphetamine availability remains a constant concern and narcotic traffickers typically use well-established highways and pipelines to smuggle, ship and move methamphetamine and other illicit narcotics. In an effort to combat the availability of these narcotics, RMTF, using grant funds, will continue the deployment of highway interdiction team, comprised of two narcotic detecting canines and their respective handlers. These teams will be used to identify, disrupt, and arrest DTOs that regularly use these highways and trafficking routes to further their criminal enterprise(s).

INCH will also aid the task forces by providing connectivity to the Statewide Integrated Narcotics Systems (SINS). Additionally, INCH will assist by providing necessary case support and serve as a clearing house for the dissemination of narcotics related intelligence.

INCA, established in 1996, will support the efforts of the State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) in enforcing the controlled substance laws of California. The INCA task force is comprised of numerous law agencies within the jurisdiction of the LA-HIDTA. This cooperative effort, coupled with their ability to jointly work with similar Crackdown Task Forces, has proven to be highly effective in the investigation of DTOs within the region.