

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



ITEM: 3.19
(ID # 27258)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 01, 2025

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-068, Authorizing the Riverside County Sheriff's Office to Administer the Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) Program, Apply for FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and Execute Any Grant Documents Associated with OPSG; [100% Federal Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-068, Authorizing the Riverside County Sheriff's Office to Administer the Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) Program, Apply for FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and Execute Any Grant Documents Associated with OPSG.


ACTION:Policy


David Lelevier, Assistant Sheriff 3/10/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington and Gutierrez
Date: April 1, 2025
xc: Sheriff

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Funds | | | Budget Adjustment: No | |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: 25/26 – 27/28 | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR# 25-056

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 01/11/22 3.32, 8/29/23 3.64, 01/23/24 3.30, 07/30/24 3.70 & 06/04/24 3.41

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Per Board Policy A-30, Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RSO) requests authorization to apply for up to \$3,502,700 in Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) funding. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security administers the OPSG program (DHS), passed through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and administered by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) San Diego Sector. OPSG provides funding to states, local units of government, and tribes to support joint efforts to secure the U.S. border along routes of ingress and egress from international borders, including travel corridors in states bordering Mexico.

The USCBP has pre-designated RSO as the fiduciary agent to administer OPSG program grant funds for the region. The County of Riverside is eligible to apply for funding because it is considered a Tier 2 subrecipient, which includes jurisdictions not located on the physical border or international water but are contiguous to a Tier 1 Counties that are on a physical border. The FY 2025 grant cycle of OPSG will be the fourth year that RSO will act as the lead agency, managing and administering the OPSG grant award to RSO and regional participants. These OPSG awards enter RSO into an Agreement for participation in the OPSG Grant Program to lead its own regional initiative supporting intelligence-led crime suppression operations supported by OPSG grant funds.

On January 11, 2022 (Minute Order 3.32), the Board of Supervisors authorized RSO to apply for FY 2022 OPSG funding and on August 29, 2023 (Minute Order 3.64), the Board of Supervisors accepted FY 2022 OPSG funding for \$2,500,000. On January 23, 2024 (Minute Order 3.30), the Board of Supervisors authorized RSO to apply for FY 2023 OPSG funding for \$2,900,000, which was later accepted by the Board of Supervisors on July 30, 2024 (Minute Order 3.70). The Board of Supervisors approved the application for FY 2024 OPSG funding totaling \$3,628,752 on June 4, 2024 (Minute Order 3.41).

As an awardee for the FY 2025 grant cycle, RSO will oversee nine jurisdictions, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Costa Mesa Police Department, Hawthorne Police

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Department, Huntington Beach Police Department, La Habra Police Department, Laguna Beach Police Department, L.A. IMPACT, Newport Beach Police Department, and Seal Beach Police Department. This multi-agency grant program provides an opportunity for participating agencies to coordinate law enforcement activities, working in a layered and integrated approach in combating border-related crimes and violence. OPSG supports crime suppression and does not include immigration enforcement, and RSO will not engage in or support immigration enforcement activities during operations.

As the lead agency, the RSO will retain 5% of the grant award to manage and administer the OPSG grant award, while RSO and regional participants will receive a portion of the remaining grant award. Once the State has approved the application, RSO will return to the Board of Supervisors to approve the grant award and grant agreement.

Grant Management Responsibilities

As the administrative lead for the region, RSO is anticipated to assume the following OPSG grant responsibilities to include, but are not limited to: working in direct coordination and communication with the local or tribal agency lead on all grant management matters; reviewing all operations orders created by the local or tribal agency; acting as the fiduciary agent for the program and provide expertise in state policy and regulations; entering into a subaward agreement to disburse the allocated funding awarded through FEMA; generating biannual reports to FEMA capturing the subrecipients' obligations and expenditures of funds, determining if the grant's performance period requires additional refinement over the federally established 36-month period; conducting audits of the program to ensure that the subrecipients are following program guidance; and assisting as needed with the coordination, management, and operation aspects of the grant.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

OPSG funding allows the RSO to work with other law enforcement personnel throughout the County on reimbursable activities to combat border-related criminal acts that affect the County.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

This grant is funded through Cal OES and is 100% reimbursable with no matching requirement. RSO will receive full reimbursement of expenditures related to the enforcement of regional crime with a border nexus. Through grant agreements with the various jurisdictions, RSO will reimburse overtime, equipment, mileage, vehicle and equipment maintenance, and flight costs incurred collectively by participating law enforcement agencies performing grant activities. These expenditures will occur over the next three fiscal years after the award and will be included in RSO budgets for those years.

RSO may retain up to 5% of the total award for Management and Administration (M&A) to administer the grant and will reimburse costs for required personnel support through the 5% M&A allocation estimated at \$165,000.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 25 HSGP Resolution No. 2025-068


Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 3/25/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 3/9/2025

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2 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

3 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-068

4 AUTHORIZING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ADMINISTER THE
5 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT (OPSG) PROGRAM, APPLY FOR FY25 HOMELAND
6 SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP), AND EXECUTE ANY GRANT DOCUMENTS
7 ASSOCIATED WITH OPSG

8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside, on behalf of its the Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RSO),
9 desires to participate in the Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) Program administered by the California
10 Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and funded by the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security
11 Grant Program (HSGP).

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board of
13 Supervisors of the County of Riverside (Board), assembled in regular session on April 1, 2025, at 9:30 am
14 or soon thereafter, in the meeting room of the Board located on the 1st Floor of the County
15 Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California that RSO is authorized, on behalf of the
16 County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, to apply for, execute, and submit all required Fiscal Year 2025
17 OPSG Grant application documents to Cal OES for the 2025 OPSG Program.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to
19 supplant expenditures controlled by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Riverside agrees to abide by the statutes and
21 regulations governing the federal HSGP Program, as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant
22 Agreements as set forth by the Cal OES.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the individuals whose position title appears below
24 are hereby designated as Authorized Agents and are authorized to execute for and on behalf of the County of
25 Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, any related documents necessary for the purpose
26 of administering the subject grant, as required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and sub-granted
27 through Cal OES, subject to County Counsel's approval as to form.
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: [Signature] DATE: 3/4/2025
BY: ANITA DILLON

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_____Assistant Sheriff_____, OR

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_____Chief_____, OR

(Title of Authorized Agent)

_____Captain_____, OR

(Title of Authorized Agent)

_____Deputy Director, Sheriff's Administration_____, OR

(Title of Authorized Agent)

_____Administrative Services Manager_____

(Title of Authorized Agent)

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9 ROLL CALL:

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11 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Perez

12 Nays: None

13 Absent: Washington and Gutierrez
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16 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
17 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.
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19 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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21 By:  _____

22 Deputy
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