

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: SHERIFF/OPERATIONS

BOARD AGENDA # *R-9

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE April 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES prt NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) COPS MORE PROGRAM TO PURCHASE CRIME ANALYSIS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE U.S. DOJ TO PURCHASE CRIME ANALYSIS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.
2. AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION FORMS.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

The necessary equipment costs total \$124,000. Twenty-five percent matching funds from the County are required making the actual amount of funding requested \$93,000 with a match of \$31,000. The grant period is effective beginning July 2001 and issues regarding the required County match will be addressed during the 2001/2002 budget process.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-250

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.

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DISCUSSION: As a sub-unit operating within the Detective Unit of the Sheriff's Department, Crime Analysis provides research, technical and analytical support to the Sheriff's Department in a variety of areas. The primary duties of this unit include researching, analyzing and compiling data from a variety of sources; victim and/or suspect profiling; identifying/evaluating crime series, trends and patterns; and, utilizing frequency distribution and various other quantitative research techniques to assist front line law enforcement efforts.

The technological resources for the Sheriff's Crime Analysis Unit are inadequate and not capable of fulfilling the requirements that are placed upon it by the Department. A Crime Analysis Focus Group was created in order to determine the exact needs of the Department and the resources necessary to enable the unit to fulfill its primary function. Equipment totaling \$124,000 has been identified.

COPS MORE has traditionally funded crime analysis hardware and software in order to save officer and investigator time by providing them with information so that they may take proactive steps to mitigate the effects of criminal and non-criminal acts.

If the grant is awarded, the Department will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant and a detailed list of equipment.

POLICY
ISSUES:

The Board must determine if application for this grant is consistent with the Board's stated priority of promoting efficient government operations.

STAFFING
IMPACT:

There will be no staffing impacts associated with this request as the equipment will be utilized by staff currently assigned to the unit.