

Sheriff-Special Fund Programs

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General Fund	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Adjusted	2019-2020 Requested	2019-2020 Recommended	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures					
Salaries & Benefits	\$59,190	\$98,725	\$103,137	\$103,137	\$4,412
Services & Supplies	590,380	731,243	774,529	774,529	43,286
Centrally-Budgeted Expenses	2,931	3,352	4,595	4,595	1,243
Fixed Assets	60,414	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Operating Transfers Out	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	0
Total Appropriations	\$792,915	\$1,913,320	\$1,962,261	\$1,962,261	\$48,941
Earned Revenues By Source					
Interest/Rents	\$681	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aid From Other Governments	0	44,145	44,895	44,895	750
Operating Transfers In	789,687	1,814,302	1,865,010	1,865,010	50,708
Fund Balance	2,547	54,873	52,356	52,356	(2,517)
Total Revenues	\$792,915	\$1,913,320	\$1,962,261	\$1,962,261	\$48,941
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Staffing					
Allocated Positions	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
Temporary (Full-Time Equivalent)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
Total Staffing	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0

Purpose

The Sheriff's Office receives asset forfeiture funds from both the State and Federal governments as the result of narcotics-related arrests. In addition, vehicle registration fees provide funding for the Automated Fingerprint Identification (ID) Program and the Auto Theft Task Force.

The Special Fund Programs discussion includes the following budget units:

- State Narcotics Enforcement (#2021606000)
- Federal Narcotics Enforcement (#2021607000)
- Automated Fingerprint ID (#2021610000)
- Auto Theft Task Force (#2021627000)

Major Budget Changes

Salaries & Employee Benefits

- \$4,412 Salary and benefits adjustments.

Services & Supplies

- \$25,755 Increase in communications costs.
- \$9,303 Increase in hardware maintenance costs.
- \$6,868 Increase in fleet services costs.
- \$6,027 Increase in costs for Evidence Technician reimbursed by the Automated Fingerprint ID fund.
- (\$3,091) Decrease in software and equipment maintenance costs.

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Revenues

- \$40,470 Increase in operating transfer from Automated Fingerprint ID fund.
- \$10,238 Increase in operating transfer from Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

Fixed Assets/Capital Improvement

- \$1,000,000 Equipment for Automated Fingerprint ID program.

Program Discussion

State Narcotics Enforcement Fund

State law establishes procedures for the forfeiture and distribution of property used in the commission of controlled substance offenses, including the requirement that property transferred to a local agency, including cash or proceeds, be used for law enforcement purposes. The Sheriff's State Narcotics Enforcement Fund (#20035) receives minimal annual revenue, as the majority of asset forfeiture proceeds are directed to support the Metro Narcotics Task Force. As of March 31, 2019, the fund balance was \$52,108.

The 2019-2020 recommended budget includes \$52,356 in asset forfeiture monies to be used for operation and maintenance of the Sheriff's Mobile Law Enforcement Center, communications and utilities for the Sheriff's warehouse at the Port of Stockton, and law enforcement equipment.

Federal Narcotics Enforcement Fund

Federal law prescribes the method for disposition of assets or proceeds used in drug crimes, including the transfer of seized assets to local law enforcement agencies. Following the close of each fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors approves an agreement to participate in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program. This agreement and an annual certification report must be submitted within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year in order to receive shared cash, property, or proceeds seized as part of a Federal asset forfeiture case.

As of March 31, 2019, the fund balance in the Sheriff's Federal Narcotics Enforcement Fund (#11201) was \$44,895. The 2019-2020 recommended budget includes \$44,895 to be used for law enforcement equipment to support the Investigations and Patrol Divisions.

Recently, the Department of Justice changed the criteria for asset sharing which will no longer allow Task Forces to receive shared funds. It is anticipated in the near future that proceeds previously allocated directly to the Sheriff's Metro Narcotics Task Force will now be directed to the Federal Narcotics Enforcement Fund.

Automated Fingerprint Identification Fund

The Automated Fingerprint ID Fund (#11216) is funded by an assessment added to various fines, penalties, and forfeitures. The Fund also receives a fee of \$1 per vehicle registered in San Joaquin County. Annual revenue is approximately \$700,000. As of March 31, 2019, the fund balance was \$1,681,475.

Monies collected in the Fund are used for expenses related to fingerprint identification systems, including the purchase and maintenance of equipment that allows local law enforcement agencies to access the Cal-ID (California Identification) system containing over five million fingerprints. Expenditures are overseen by the Remote Access Network (RAN) Committee, with input from its Technical Advisory Committee. The RAN Committee is comprised of a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, local police chiefs, a Mayor of a local city, and a member-at-large.

In 2019-2020, a total of \$1,579,872 is budgeted for systems maintenance, communications, software, reimbursement for an Evidence Technician, and automation equipment. This figure represents an increase of \$40,470 from 2018-2019, primarily reflecting an increase in costs for communications and hardware maintenance.

Auto Theft Task Force

The Auto Theft Task Force includes personnel from the California Highway Patrol, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and local police departments. Funded by a fee of \$1 per vehicle registration in San Joaquin County, monies in the Auto Theft Investigation and Prosecution Fund (#12124) are used exclusively to investigate and prosecute auto theft cases. Annual revenue is approximately \$600,000. As of March 31, 2019, the fund balance was \$607,409.

The 2019-2020 Auto Theft Task Force budget for the Sheriff's Office totals \$285,138, which provides funding for a Senior Office Assistant, a part-time Evidence Technician, partial reimbursement for a Deputy Sheriff allocated to the Patrol Division, and miscellaneous supplies and equipment. Funding for Task Force personnel from other agencies is paid directly and not included as part of this budget.