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April 16, 2001

AGENDA: May 1, 2001

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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Traffic Stop Demographic Data Grant

Members of the Board:

The Department of the California Highway Patrol announced the availability of grant funds to local law enforcement agencies for the voluntary collection of data to determine if racial profiling exists in California. Governor Gray Davis appropriated funds in California's fiscal year 2001/02 budget to assist local law enforcement agencies with the cost involved to initiate and maintain a data collection process. Data collected will be submitted to the California Highway Patrol for inclusion in their annual report. The intention of this letter is to provide information regarding the program and request your Board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner to participate in the Public Contact Demographic Data Collection Project.

The purpose of this grant is to fund local agency efforts to collect and submit demographic data about vehicle traffic stops. Agencies participating in this grant will be required to collect five categories of data regarding race, age, gender, result of traffic stop and whether or not a vehicle was searched. The collection of traffic stop data will begin once the grant funds are received and the necessary modifications are made to our current computer aided dispatch system to enable us to electronically capture this information. The Sheriff's Department will be required to submit an annual report to the California Highway Patrol.

The Santa Cruz County Chiefs' Association has agreed to take a multi-agency approach. The Sheriff's Office along with the Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Capitola and Scotts Valley Police Departments are all participating in this grant. We will be requesting the Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center (SCCECC) to assist in coordinating this project to modify existing software at the SCCECC to capture the data needed for successful completion of this project. Grant funds will be used for software purchases, custom programming, consultants and staff set-up charges.

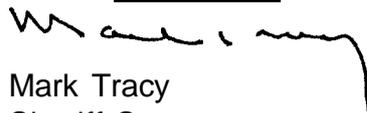
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The SCCECC will be reimbursed by the grant funds for their services. Each agency will receive an amount based on the number of sworn personnel of that agency. The Santa Cruz Sheriffs **Office** will receive \$25,000 towards the program. This grant is a one-time grant with no local match required. It is anticipated that the project will be fully funded by this multi-agency collaboration. As all local law enforcement agencies are applying for these funds, **SCCECC's** cost (approximately \$8,000) of incorporating the program will be shared. The Santa Cruz Sheriffs Office share of these costs will be about **40%**, or \$3,200. No costs for configuration of the Sheriffs Office future mobile computing system, with respect to this grant's requirements, will be born by this grant. All costs for mobile computing configuration through the Sheriffs **Office** will be handled by funding sources previously approved by the board, including COPS More '98, CLETEP II, SB-90 revenue, and the County Technology Fund. The necessary configuration work is addressed in the recently released request for proposals for the County's Mobile Data Computer project. Once the grant application has been approved, we will return to your Board to accept and appropriate the grant award into the Sheriffs department budget.

The perception of racially biased policing is an issue that affects law enforcement agencies across the nation. This is an opportunity to participate in a statewide program to provide quantitative data about this important issue. We hope to be able to undertake this project (including providing in-house training for Santa Cruz Sheriff Deputies on the racial demographic data codes required and modifying our access report) within the next six months.

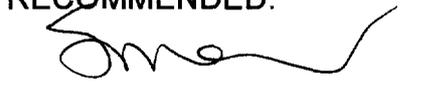
IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt a resolution authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner to apply for a **Traffic Stop Demographic Data Grant** from the Department of the California Highway Patrol in the amount of \$25,000 and to sign the State Standard Agreement when received.

Sincerely,



Mark Tracy
Sheriff-Coroner

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: Sheriff-Coroner, Auditor-Controller

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Resolution No. _____

On the motion of Supervisor _____
duly seconded by Supervisor _____
The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR A TRAFFIC STOP
DEMOGRAPHIC GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
HIGHWAY PATROL

WHEREAS, grant funds are available from the Department of California Highway Patrol for a Traffic Stop Demographic Data Grant, to offset costs created by traffic stop demographic data collection; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is located within the geographic area where data collection is to occur; and

WHEREAS, the collecting of demographic data is important in acting as a deterrent to racial profiling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz that the Sheriff-Coroner is authorized on its behalf to apply for a Traffic Stop Demographic Data Grant from the Department of California Highway Patrol.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California on this ____ of April 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors
NOES: Supervisors
ABSENT: Supervisors
ABSTAIN: Supervisors

Chairperson of the Board

AI-TEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel, Auditor, Sheriff-Coroner