



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board consider options for the distribution of Title III funds available through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. (Est. Time: 20 Min.)

FUNDING: \$158,853.45 for FY 2012-13 and \$116,698.68 fund balance from FY 2011-12.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

Net county cost reduction of up to \$267,229 in Sheriff Search and Rescue depending on the funding option selected by the Board.

Background

Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funding for fire safe education and planning and/or search and rescue efforts on federal land. For federal fiscal year 2011, the County was erroneously projected to receive \$58,019. However, the actual amount received was \$169,398.70. These additional funds plus the interest accrued leaves an unallocated Title III fund balance of \$116,698.68.

Congress recently reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools Act for federal fiscal year 2012, and the Board of Supervisors made the necessary payment elections on August 8 (reference File ID 12-0974). As a result of these actions, the county has an additional \$158,852.45 to allocate among fire safe and search and rescue activities in FY 2012-13.

The total amount of Title III funds to be allocated is \$275,552.13.

Funding Options

The Board has historically appropriated Title III funds in several ways. When Title III funds were more abundant, the Board would divide the funds among fire safe and search and rescue activities, and issue a Request for Proposal for fire safe projects. As Title III funding decreased the Board selected either fire safe or search and rescue for funding in a given year. Recently the Board has chosen to fund the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council without a Request for Proposal process.

The Chief Administrative Office recommends that the \$275,552.13 be allocated to Sheriff's Office search and rescue.

Reason for Recommendation

Currently the Sheriff's Office search and rescue is entirely supported through the General Fund in the amount of \$267,229. The Chief Administrative Office proposal essentially swaps the General Fund appropriation for search and rescue with federal Title III dollars. In addition, as of July 2012 the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has \$51,878.13 in unexpended Title III funds.

Action(s) to be taken following Board approval

The Chief Administrative Office will include the Board's direction in the budget addenda.

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Concurrences

N/A