



Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board

- 1) Approve the use of Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Funding in Fiscal Year 2017/18 for the purchase of equipment and software for a digital forensic lab in the District Attorney's leased facility;
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a budget transfer increasing revenue and appropriations within the District Attorney's budget by \$6,000 (4/5 vote required); and
- 3) Approve a change to the District Attorney's Fiscal Year 2017/18 Fixed Asset List, increasing the Forensic Tower fixed asset dollar amount from \$20,000 to \$26,000.

FUNDING: Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Funding.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The District Attorney recommends the additional funding be approved and fixed asset amount increased so all necessary equipment for the digital forensic lab may be purchased.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The District Attorney originally requested \$40,000 for the purchase of equipment and software for a digital forensic lab in the District Attorney's leased facility. This approval was received from the Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2018, Agenda File 17-1333. At that time, the Board also approved adding a Forensic Tower to the District Attorney's fixed asset list. The Board approved the requested \$20,000 for the Forensic Tower.

Due to an increase in the price of the Forensic Tower and the omission of sales tax from the original quote, it is estimated an additional \$6,000 is necessary to complete the purchase of the Forensic Tower and related software. As a result, the District Attorney is requesting the fixed asset amount for the Forensic Tower be increased from \$20,000 to \$26,000.

Per CA Government Code 30061-30063, moneys allocated from a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESA) to a recipient entity shall be expended exclusively to provide front line law enforcement services.

ALTERNATIVES

The department could not proceed with the digital forensic lab and continue to utilize the Sheriff's Office or contract for services on an as needed basis.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no change to Net County Cost.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on the budget transfer and forward the executed budget transfer to the Auditor Controller for processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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