



## Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board authorize the Chair and the Sheriff to sign Exhibits A & B to the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement, 18-LE-11051360-002, between the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, the United States Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Eldorado National Forest, and the US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in the total amount of \$37,000 to provide funding for the Sheriff's patrol services on national forest system roads within the El Dorado County National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, as well as funding for Sheriff's Office expenditures associated with the detection of locations and activities related to the illegal production and trafficking of controlled substances retroactively during federal Fiscal Year 2020.

**FUNDING:** United States Forest Service Funding.

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

The Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the El Dorado County Sheriff and the United States Forest Service (USFS) outlines the general parameters of the working relationship between the two agencies for the enforcement of state and local laws. Amendments are typically made in the form of Exhibits A, for patrol services, and B, for controlled substance operations, on an annual basis depending on the amount of funding available from the USFS.

On November 7, 2017, the Board approved a new Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement, 18-LE-11051360-002, between the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, the United States Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Eldorado National Forest, and the US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit for the enforcement of State and local laws related to the administration and regulation of National Forest Service (NFS) lands, for the term October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2022.

The Annual Financial and Operating Plan referenced in the Agreement as Exhibits A & B for patrolling on NFS lands and for controlled substances investigation for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 are now being submitted to the Board for signature.

The Sheriff's Office received Exhibits A & B from the USFS in March 2020. The exhibits are retroactive, as patrol services were provided in Fiscal Year 2020; however, the underlying agreement has been in effect since October, 2017. The Exhibits were executed by the federal grant administrator and forwarded to the Sheriff's Office in March, 2020.

Approval of this recommendation will allow the Sheriff's Office to be reimbursed for services provided in accordance with both Exhibits upon approval by your Board through September 30, 2020. Specifically, patrol services provided during this period will be reimbursed in the total amount of \$12,000 and narcotics enforcement services will be reimbursed in the amount of \$25,000.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

June 14, 2011; 11-0606  
April 29, 2014; 14-0558  
November 7, 2017; 17-1191  
May 8, 2018; 18-0632  
September 10, 2019; 19-1265

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel

**CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No Change to Net County Cost. All costs to the Sheriff's Office are reimbursed by the United States Forest Service.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

Please return five (5) signed originals of Exhibits A and all five (5) signed originals of B to the Sheriff's Office for final execution.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Public Safety. The agreement with USFS demonstrates the coordination amongst public safety service providers and the community to leverage resources, reduce service delivery constraints, and enhance public safety.

**CONTACT**

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