



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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HEARING - Sheriff's Office recommending the Board consider a budget revision and take the following actions relative to the purchase of essential Fixed Asset items:

- 1) Hold a public hearing to use \$41,809 of Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) County Jail Operation funding to purchase the Fixed Asset items identified in Attachment I which are essential to jail operations.
- 2) Hold a public hearing to use \$142,255 of COPS Front Line Law Enforcement funding to purchase the Fixed Asset items identified in Attachment II which are essential to front line law enforcement operations.
- 3) Approve a budget transfer transferring total amount of \$184,064 from the COPS County Jail Operation and COPS Front Line Law Enforcement special revenue funds to the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2011/12 operating budget. (4/5 vote required)

**FUNDING:** Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA).

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$184,064
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$184,064	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$184,064	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: The attached budget transfer will allocate the available funding within the Sheriff's budget for front line law enforcement and jail operations. There is no change to net county cost.

Background: Pursuant to current law, the State Controller is required to allocate the COPS funds to each county that has established a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) in accordance with Section 30061 of the Government Code. Since its inception, the funding distribution for this program was based on the population of the County and each fiscal year was a predictable amount. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY 2008/09, the State changed the funding stream for this program to Vehicle License Fees (VLF), and as a result, it is difficult to predict the actual amount of funding that will be available each fiscal year. In addition, current law requires that these funds cannot be used to "supplant" any county obligations.

Reason for Recommendation: The legislation that created the COPS program requires the Board to

conduct a public hearing that is “separate and apart” from the adoption of the regular County budget.

Prior to FY 2009/10, the Sheriff allocated the “Front Line Law Enforcement” dollars toward funding permanent, full-time Deputy Sheriff positions and the “Jail Operations” funding went toward inmate food expenses or building maintenance. Due to the uncertainty of the level of VLF revenue in FY 2009/10, the Sheriff used funds allocated to “Front Line Law Enforcement” and “Jail Operations” to cover overtime expenses that were not approved in the FY 2009/10 budget.

Due the change in administration, as well as the uncertainty of the amount of funding that would be available, the FY 2010/11 COPS funds were not allocated for a specific purpose.

Approval of these recommendations will allow the Sheriff’s Office to purchase additional equipment for front line law enforcement and jail operations that was unable to be purchased as a result of budget reductions.

Action to be taken following Board approval: The Auditor will post the attached budget transfer adding revenue and expenditures to the Sheriff’s Fical Year 2011/12 budget.

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