



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-24, Approving the Acceptance of the Distribution of the FY23 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Award of \$161,383

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-24.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD) receives vital funding from federal and state agencies, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP), to strengthen the county's preparedness and response capabilities for terrorism and large-scale disasters. This grant supports essential activities such as training and exercises for first responders, as well as the purchase of equipment to enhance operational effectiveness across emergency services, including fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and public health.

The City of Banning has been awarded SHSP funding in the amount of \$161,383 to further enhance its own emergency response capabilities. This grant will allow Banning to implement critical training programs, conduct essential exercises, and acquire the necessary equipment to improve the city's readiness to respond to terrorism-related incidents and other major emergencies, ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and surrounding communities.

JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Banning will be using the \$161,383 in SHSP funding to purchase various equipment designed to enhance public safety and preparedness, particularly in the investigation of potential terrorist activities and other security threats. This investment will significantly improve the city's ability to monitor critical areas and respond to incidents in real-time. By acquiring advanced equipment, Banning will strengthen its capacity to detect, track, and investigate potential security threats, enabling law enforcement to react swiftly and efficiently in emergency situations. The additional resources will bolster the city's ability to identify suspicious activities and protect its residents from emerging risks, further enhancing the city's overall preparedness for a range of threats, including terrorism-related emergencies.

These new tools will be vital for the Banning Police Department, providing them with the resources necessary to solve and prevent crime in the city. By improving situational awareness and allowing for more effective surveillance of key locations, these additions will enable officers to respond to incidents more quickly and accurately. Additionally, the presence of advanced equipment will serve as a deterrent to criminal activity, as individuals will be aware that the city is equipped to monitor and address potential security threats. This comprehensive upgrade to Banning's public safety infrastructure will not only

improve the effectiveness of law enforcement but also contribute to a safer, more secure environment for all residents. Through this initiative, Banning will be better positioned to address and prevent emergencies, fulfilling its ongoing commitment to protecting the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The purchase and installation of advanced surveillance equipment and any equipment items necessary to assist in the investigation of potential terrorist activity, along with any necessary training, will be fully funded through the \$161,383 allocated to the City of Banning from the FY23 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant. The performance period for this grant is from April 9, 2024, to May 31, 2025. The Banning Police Department will obtain multiple quotes from vendors to ensure the costs do not exceed the awarded grant amount, ensuring that there will be no additional initial fiscal impact to the City of Banning. This project will be entirely funded by the SHSP grant, and no city funds will be required for its initial implementation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to reject staff's recommendation and provide alternative direction.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-24, PD EMD Grant.docx](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Banning PD_FY23 SHSP Initial Application_Approved LL 4.4.24 Mod 1.pdf](#)
3. [Exhibit B - FY23_Grants_Management_Assessment.pdf](#)
4. [Exhibit C- FY23_Standard_Assurances.pdf](#)
5. [Banning_FY23 SHSP Award Letter.pdf](#)