



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 3/3/2026

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, Sheriff's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number: Brian Morris 565-3876, Carla Rodriguez 565-2311, Vanessa Fuchs 565-2732, Eddie Ingram 565-1423

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Budget Adjustments for Acceptance of Justice Assistance Equipment and Training Program Grant

Recommended Action:

Adopt a budgetary resolution approving budget adjustments to the Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, and Sheriff's Office FY 25-26 approved budgets to implement the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Equipment and Training Program grant in the amount of \$374,029.

Executive Summary:

Sonoma County has been awarded funding through the JAG Equipment and Training Program grant to support a coordinated initiative across four justice departments: the Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and the Sheriff's Office. The project aims to modernize technology, enhance officer and staff safety, and strengthen workforce resilience.

This item requests adoption of a budget resolution to appropriate JAG funds to the respective departments in accordance with the approved grant application. There is no matching requirement for this grant and no cost to the General Fund.

Discussion:

The JAG Equipment and Training Program grant addresses the following needs identified through interdepartmental collaboration:

- Public Defender's Office - \$125,000
 - Replacement of outdated computers and tablets
 - Installation of video conferencing systems and central printers
 - Subscription to transcription services
 - Training in indigent defense and trauma-informed practices
- District Attorney's Office - \$83,244
 - Courtroom technology upgrades
 - Training for prosecutors and victim advocates on violent crime, trauma, and burnout prevention
- Probation Department - \$82,988
 - Purchase of ballistic vests and field identification gear

- Wellness and resiliency training for officers
- Sheriff's Office - \$82,797
 - Crisis intervention team and peer support/wellness training
 - Acquisition of an automated chest compression system for the Main Adult Detention Facility

These investments align with the JAG Program Purpose Areas (PPAs) and Priority Areas of Need, including law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, and mental health initiatives.

The Public Defender applied for and accepted this grant pursuant to Board Resolution 25-0429 (September 16, 2025), which authorized the Public Defender to apply for and implement certain grant programs with County Counsel approval. Consistent with that authority, the Public Defender has collaborated with County Counsel and received approval to proceed with the JAG grant application and execution.

Strategic Plan:

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this section to indicate if this item directly supports an objective in the County's Five-year Strategic Plan, i.e. the recommended actions represent a County investment of people or financial resources towards an activity, project, or program that helps to achieve the desired outcomes associated with the objective. We recognize that staff's inclination will be to align most department activities to the Board's Strategic Plan, however, this section should be used conservatively to only reflect activities that have a direct bearing on achieving the specific objective. Indirect or general activities should not be discussed in this section. The intent is not to capture all activities that may relate to a Strategic Plan goal generally, but to identify those that advance the work efforts described in the Implementation Plan for the objective. The Implementation Plan Lead for the objective can confirm the degree of alignment. (The most current list of Implementation Plan Leads is posted to the County Board of Supervisors intranet web page at http://sc-intranet/board/agenda_sub.htm.) If this item does not directly support the Strategic Plan, delete the full text under this header and input "N/A."

For items with direct Strategic Plan alignment, briefly describe how the investment achieves the outcomes and note whether the resources requested are new or re-directed from existing funds to address current Board strategic priorities. The narrative included here will be collected and reported for both transparency purposes and as indication of progress towards achieving desired outcomes.

This item directly supports the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

Pillar: Organizational Excellence

Goal: Goal 4: Seek out grant funding to enhance programs and improve infrastructure

Objective: Objective 1: Secure a total of \$60 million in grant funding by 2026 for strategic priorities, including technology tools, climate resiliency, and other capital projects.

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Agenda Date: 2/24/2026

INSTRUCTIONS: If 'Yes' to the above, or if equity analysis was conducted, include requisite information in this section staff's discussion, findings, and recommendations as it directly relates to this item's requested action(s).

Prior Board Actions:

September 16, 2025 - Delegation of authority to the Public Defender to apply for and accept certain grant funding.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Projected	FY27-28 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	374,029		
Total Expenditures	374,029		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	374,029		
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources	374,029		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The total JAG grant award is \$374,029. Proposed budget adjustments are as follows:

- Public Defender - \$125,000
- District Attorney - \$83,244
- Probation - \$82,988
- Sheriff's Office - \$82,797

All expenditures will be reimbursed through the JAG grant. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

- Budget Resolution
- Approved JAG application
- JAG Project Budget

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.