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June 4, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors
Agenda Date: June 24, 2025

FROM: Maurice L. Anderson, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Title III Funding (Federal Secures Rural Schools Program) for Lassen County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Supervisors: 1) Receive Public Comment, and 2) approve the FY 2023-2024 allocation of Federal Title III funding to the Lassen County Sheriff's Department.

PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS: In the years when the Secure Rural Schools Act is reauthorized by Congress, the County of Lassen receives funding for limited types of projects, as described below. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the Board of Supervisors has allocated Title III revenue to eligible projects, including Firewise Communities activities and Community Wildfire Protection Plans and reimbursement of search and rescue/emergency services related costs incurred by the County.

DISCUSSION: Congress reauthorized payments through 2024, however, with recent changes in legislation, the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding, including Title I and Title III, has not be reauthorized and the County does not expect to receive funding for this year, 2025. This will result in the loss of reimbursement potential for law enforcement services, including patrols and search and rescue activities, performed on Federal land, and funding allocated to the Road department. The decision to not reauthorize payments is currently under review at the Federal level.

Regardless, action is required to allocate the remaining Title III allocation of \$149,249 (which includes the 2023-2024 allocation and interest accrued, to the Lassen County Sheriff's Department for the reimbursement of search and rescue and other emergency response activities performed on Federal land but have been paid for by Lassen County.

FISCAL IMPACT: Revenue in the amount of \$149,249 to 142-0023.



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John McGarva
Sheriff - Coroner

February 14, 2025

Samantha McMullen, Budget Analyst

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Ms. McMullen:

I would like \$149,249.20 of the Title III County Funds to be allocated to the Lassen County Sheriff's Office. These funds will be used for the following authorized uses:

- To reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols.
- To cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency services described above.

These funds will help to equip Sheriff's Office personnel for response to fires, search and rescue operations, and other law enforcement operations conducted on lands managed by the United States Forest Service.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John McGarva".

John McGarva
Sheriff-Coroner
County of Lassen

Date	FD	B/U	C/C	Account	Program	Vendor	Vendor Name	Description	Warrant Number	DOC #	Amount
10/01/2023	142	0023		2003000		0	UNASSIGNED VENDOR	JUL-SEP INTEREST APPORTIONME		JE000402	(\$3,695.91)
01/01/2024	142	0023		2003000		0	UNASSIGNED VENDOR	OCT-DEC INTEREST APPORTIONM		JE001161	(\$2,305.45)
04/01/2024	142	0023		2003000		0	UNASSIGNED VENDOR	JAN-MAR INTEREST APPORTIONM		JE001798	(\$2,288.98)
06/30/2024	142	0023		2003000		0	UNASSIGNED VENDOR	APR-JUN INTEREST APPORTIONM		JE002627	(\$2,660.90)
05/13/2024	142	0023		2007200		0	UNASSIGNED VENDOR	US FOREST RSV, TITLE I,II&III		DP164111	(\$138,297.96)
											(\$149,249.20)