



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/12/2023

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File #: 23-1570

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution for the Boating Safety and Enforcement (BS&E) Financial Aid 2024-2025 Program

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept and adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attachment 1) authorizing the Sheriff, Undersheriff or Deputy Director of Financial & Support Services at the Sheriff's Office to sign the application, contract, and reimbursement claims for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program and authorizing the Auditor-Controller or designee to certify the prior year vessel taxes; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a certified signed copy of the resolution to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), Attention: Julie Martin for submittal to funding agency.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

California State Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (State Parks)  
HCSO Budget Unit 1100221900

**DISCUSSION:**

HCSO BS&E focuses mainly on boating safety through education and outreach. This is achieved through vessel inspections for safety equipment and current registrations. Inspections are most often done during field contacts at local marinas and boat ramps, as well as boat patrols on the waterways. In addition, the BS&E program assists with search and rescue operations for over 500 miles of freshwater river systems and over 400 square miles of saltwater along the Humboldt Bay.

The State Parks require HCSO to provide this Resolution with the application packet for continued participation in the BS&E Financial Aid program. If awarded, the funds would be used to support one full-time Deputy Sheriff whose primary duties will be enforcement of state and local laws and regulations for boating activities, inspection of vessels for compliance, supervision of organized on-the-water boating activities and search and rescue operations originating from on-the-water activities. The

funding also covers extra-help and overtime of other Deputy Sheriff's providing services specific to enforcing boating laws.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Expenditures (1100,221900)</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$121,530
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$121,530</b>
<b>Funding Sources (1100,221900)</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected*</b>
State/Federal Funds	\$121,530
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$121,530</b>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

**Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:**

If awarded, HCSO will include the award as part of the annual budget submittal for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 in budget unit 1100-221900. It is anticipated that the award will be similar to FY 2023-24 in the amount of \$121,530.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Position Control Number</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (1A-E Step)</b>
DEPUTY SHERIFF II	2210416B51	Step E

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:**

If awarded, this will allow for ongoing funding for existing staff. Currently, under the funding provided by this program, 0.75 FTE Deputy Sheriff II is assigned to support Boating Safety and patrols of waterways. There are also highwater usages seasons and special events in which the grant covers approximately 400 additional OT hours.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: Seek outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs

Strategic Plan: N/A

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

California State Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board could deny the authorization to participate in the BS&E Program, however this is not recommended as these funds cover expenses related to the county's boating safety and enforcement activities. Without this funding HCSO would be forced to curtail or terminate the program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Attachment 1 - Boating Safety Grant Resolution FY24-25

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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