



May 25, 2022

Jeremiah LaRue
Siskiyou County Sheriff-Coroner
305 Butte Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Dear Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue,

The Department of Finance has reviewed Siskiyou County's request for supplemental funding for security costs associated with the activation of the new Siskiyou County Courthouse as outlined in Government Code section 69927 and has approved supplemental funding of \$576,420 in fiscal year 2021-22 and ongoing.

Attachment I outlines the number and posting of security personnel at the old courthouse, the requested positions for the new courthouse, and Finance's approval of supplemental positions and funding as a result of the new court construction. The new Siskiyou County Courthouse opened in June 2021 and will consolidate operations of the old courthouse and the Eddy Building Annex. The new facility has two stories and will have five courtrooms.

Siskiyou County has requested 10.5 additional positions to meet the security needs of the new courthouse. The County indicates these positions are needed due to the new amenities of the courthouse such as holding cells and control rooms, among other features.

Under Proposition 30, the state is required to provide funding if the features of a newly constructed courthouse increase the overall cost for a county to provide security in the new courthouse. Finance evaluated a variety of relevant factors including, among others, the square footage of the facility that is accessible to the public, the addition of holding cells, entrance screening stations, and monitoring and control stations within the court facility.

Based on Finance's analysis, the building control room, holding area control station, holding cells, and jury assembly room are all building features of the new courthouse that drive the need for additional staff. Finance has determined these new features result in the need for 5 additional positions. Finance believes that the remaining 5.5 positions requested by Siskiyou County go beyond the intent of Government Code section 69927, which provides an opportunity for funding for increased trial court security costs as a result of court construction projects that had an occupancy date after October 9, 2011.

Subject to an appropriation, supplemental funding will be provided on an ongoing basis and will be adjusted annually by the same rate applicable to the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account, within the Law Enforcement Special Account, within the Law Enforcement Services Growth Subaccount, within the Sales and Use Tax Growth Account, in the Local Revenue Fund 2011, in the prior fiscal year.

Siskiyou's supplemental allocation for 2021-22 will be \$576,420 (\$115,284 per position). This amount will be augmented annually in future years based on revenue increases for the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account. While such revenue increases will vary from year to year, the overall growth has increased the rate per position from \$100,000 in 2014-15 to its current level.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request, please contact Amy Jarvis, Program Budget Manager, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

KEELY MARTIN BOSLER

Director

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika Li".

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Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: Sheriff Dean Growdon, President, California State Sheriffs' Association
Ed Valenzuela, President, California State Association of Counties
Graham Knaus, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties
Ryan Morimune, Legislative Representative, Administration of Justice, California State Association of Counties
Cory Salzillo, Legislative Director, California State Sheriffs' Association
John Wordlaw, Chief Administrative Officer, Judicial Council
Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Budget Services, Judicial Council

Attachment - I

Recommendation: Finance recommends partial approval of 5 positions and \$576,420 in supplemental funding for the Siskiyou County Sheriff to meet the recommended staffing level, with each approved position funded at \$115,284.

Siskiyou County Superior Court Staffing Matrix

Location/Post	Previous Staffing Levels	New Courthouse		
		Requested Position Increase	Finance Recommendation	Total Recommended Security Staffing
Courtroom Bailiffs	4	1	0	4
Rovers (Square Footage)	0	2	0	0
Screening Stations	2	0	0	2
Building Control Station	0	1	1	1
Holding Area Control Station	0	1	1	1
Delivery / Escort	0.5	1.5	1	1.5
Holding Cells	0	2	1	1
Jury Assembly Room	0	1	1	1
Supervision	0	1	0	0
Total	6.5	10.5	5	11.5