

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: F

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant, Funding Recommendations:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of four Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Prevention grant awards, using unobligated administrative funds, and drawing from the results of the ranked list produced by the original 2023 ORT Scoring Panel (Attachment F-1). If approved, one existing grantee that had received a partial award will be augmented and extended, and three new grant awards will be executed for the period of October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029. A list of corresponding project summaries is included as Attachment F-2.

Background

The State Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the ORT Prevention Grant Program. Grant funding was made available to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. Authorizing budget language allowed the BSCC to retain up to five percent of the total amount appropriated each year to support the administration and evaluation of the grant.

On April 14, 2023, the Board approved release of the ORT Prevention Request for Proposals (RFP), making \$242,250,000 available competitively to city police departments, county sheriff's departments, and county probation departments located in the State of California.

On July 7, 2023, the BSCC received 114 proposals requesting almost \$380 million in funding. After a technical review, 87 of the proposals met all submission criteria and moved forward in the scoring process. Once all scores were submitted by the ORT Scoring Panel, BSCC staff generated a ranked list of proposals that met the minimum scoring threshold.

On September 14, 2023, the Board approved \$242,250,000 in funding recommendations for 38 law enforcement agencies, including one partial award (See Attachment F-3 for corresponding Board Report). Grantees were approved for a grant term of October 1, 2023 through June 1, 2027.

On February 12, 2026, the Board approved a 12-month, no-cost extension to the ORT grant agreements. The extension amended the end date of the service delivery period from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027, and the six-month financial audit and evaluation period from June 1, 2027 to June 1, 2028.

A recent reconciliation of the BSCC's administrative operations identified approximately \$9 million that can be moved to local assistance. This funding will allow the BSCC to 1) augment

the partial award made to Campbell Police Department to its full amount, and 2) support three new grant awards, as shown in the table below:

Applicant	Amount Requested	Recommended Award
Campbell Police Department*	\$5,946,804	\$5,546,242
Visalia Police Department	\$280,000	\$280,000
Rocklin Police Department	\$2,828,846	\$2,828,846
Monrovia Police Department	\$291,893	\$291,893
Recommended Funding		\$8,946,981

*Previous partial award: \$400,562

If the Board approves the recommendations below, the three new grant awards will be executed for the period of October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, which includes three years of service delivery, followed by a three-month period to complete evaluation activities and financial audit requirements. Campbell Police Department's existing grant award will be augmented and extended through December 31, 2029.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Fully fund four ORT-Prevention grant awards, including one previous partial award, for a total of \$8,946,981, to support efforts to confront organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft.
2. Authorize staff to continue making awards from the rank-ordered list if any of the four agencies are unable to accept or relinquishes an award.

Attachments

F-1: ORT Scoring Panel Roster

F-2: Project Summaries

F-3: Agenda Item E, September 14, 2023 Board Meeting