



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: CAPTAIN BRIAN FULGONI
RECOMMENDED BY: POLICE CHIEF SHAB
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF FOR SANE PROGRAM AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$119,295 FY 26-27

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the Amendment to Agreement with the County of Santa Cruz, Sheriff-Coroner for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's (SANE) Program Revenue Contribution Agreement, not to exceed \$119,295 for FY 26-27, authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the same and any amendments thereto and any necessary documents.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2001, the City of Watsonville has been part of a multi-jurisdictional cooperative effort involving local area hospitals and local law enforcement agencies concerned with assisting victims of sexual assault. The contributing entities include the City of Watsonville, City of Santa Cruz, City of Scotts Valley, City of Capitola, County of Santa Cruz and the University of California at Santa Cruz. These entities want to ensure the continuation of an organized, effective team response to cases of adult and child sexual assault in Santa Cruz County through the continuity of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's (SANE) Program.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Watsonville has been a participating entity in the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's Program Revenue Contributing Agreement since 2001. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program is a multidisciplinary response intervention that aims to improve care for victims, through specialized coordinated services. As opposed to emergency department physicals caring for sexual assault victims,

specially trained SANE nurses provide comprehensive psychological, medical, and forensic services to the victims. The goal of the program is to provide safe and privacy-conscious treatment to recent sexual assault victims in a response that coordinates health care with counseling services, forensic collection, law enforcement, and prosecution.

This agreement allows the Watsonville Police Department to be part of a multi-jurisdictional cooperative that ensures that sexual assault evidence is gathered according to established medical and legal standards. All participating entities agree that the best results for examinations of sexual assault victims are achieved through cooperative efforts. Overall, the SANE program strives to minimize the victim's physical and psychological trauma while maximizing the probability of evidence collection and preserving physical evidence for use in the legal system, if necessary.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

This contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because the contract does not qualify as a project and will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines, §§15060, subds. (c)(2), (c)(3), 15061, subd. (b)(3).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agreement is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal:

Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The contribution is based on 19.4% of the County population, for FY 26-27, the City of Watsonville contribution will be \$119,295; an increase of \$15,750 compared to this fiscal year. The Watsonville Police Department will be requesting a general fund (150-409-7369) increase in this amount during FY 26-27 in order to be able to sustain this agreement.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternative exists at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

- 1) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's Program Revenue Contribution