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Draft FY 2027 Automated Regional Justice Information System Budget

Overview

As part of the draft FY 2027 Program Budget, staff have proposed the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) Budget that encompasses the priorities and expenses for the Automated Regional Justice Information System. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee reviewed this draft at its March 4, 2026, meeting and upon their recommendation, the Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the ARJIS Budget as part of the final FY 2027 Program Budget as proposed by staff.

Key Considerations

The ARJIS program has a combined budget of approximately \$8.8 million, that is an operating budget of approximately \$7.7 million and a grant budget of \$1.1 million. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, and local funds through grants and membership contributions, which are adjusted for inflation each year using the Consumer Price Index. Estimated FY 2027 expenditures and revenues for the specific work elements proposed in the ARJIS programs are shown in Attachments 1 and 2.

ARJIS is nationally recognized for its collaboration, information sharing model, and support of public safety in the San Diego region. In FY 2027, the proposed ARJIS budget is approximately \$8.8 million. This funding comes from ARJIS member assessments, which include user and connectivity fees. ARJIS will also be receiving approximately \$1.1 million in federal grants. These grants enhance information sharing, expand crime reporting capabilities for member agencies, facilitate research and development of new technologies, and bolster cybersecurity measures to safeguard ARJIS data.

ARJIS develops and maintains a complex, multi-agency information network that allows real-time law enforcement data to be shared among 63 local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. The information, which is accessible from desktop computers and mobile devices is used for operations, investigations, regional reporting, and crime analysis. As the region's public safety information technology provider, ARJIS provides member agencies with secure, reliable technologies including tactical and investigative systems, a secure mobile program, and crime mapping capabilities. Providing real-time access to shared information increases collaboration among law enforcement agencies, improves regional criminal justice outcomes, and helps address and anticipate public safety issues to improve the quality-of-life issues for residents of the San Diego region.

Next Steps

Upon recommendation by the Public Safety Committee, the FY 2027 ARJIS Budget will be included in the final FY 2027 Program Budget to be scheduled for action by the Board in May.

Anthony Ray, Director of ARJIS

Attachments: 1. Draft FY 2027 Program Revenues
2. Draft FY 2027 Program Expenditures

Action: Recommend

The Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the Automated Regional Justice Information System Budget as presented at the March 27, 2026 Board meeting, as part of the FY 2027 Program Budget.

Fiscal Impact:

Include the approved Automated Regional Justice Information System Budget of \$8.8 million to the FY 2027 Program Budget.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

SANDAG Bylaws require the Board of Directors to approve the final Program Budget by June 30.

