

**ORANGE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT****EXTERNAL MEMO**

**To:** Michelle Aguirre, County Executive Officer  
**From:** Don Barnes, Sheriff-Coroner  
**Date:** April 6, 2026  
**RE:** Ratified Request to Apply for the 2026 World Cup Safety and Security (WCSS) Grant Program

Signed by:

Michelle Aguirre

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Donald R. Barnes



The Sheriff-Coroner Department requests that the County Executive Officer place the subject grant application on April 14, 2026, Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda. The Sheriff requests ratified approval to apply for \$1,531,748 from the World Cup Safety and Security (WCSS) Grant Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on March 16, 2026, with an application deadline of March 31, 2026. Due to this limited timeframe, there were no scheduled Board of Supervisors meetings between the release date and the application deadline to obtain prior approval. To ensure eligibility and avoid forfeiting the opportunity to secure funding, the Orange County Sheriff's Department submitted the grant application within the required timeframe.

The 2026 WCSS Grant Program is provided by the FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP), administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Programs Directorate. The WCSS grant program provides federal funding to enhance security and preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup events in the United States. The funding from the FWCGP will be allocated through the Los Angeles Host City, which is the primary recipient of the grant. The Los Angeles Host City will then distribute the funds to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, which will act as a subrecipient.

Grant funds will support planning, preparedness, and operational delivery of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the Los Angeles Host City region. This funding will also support overtime costs for Orange County Sheriff's Department personnel assigned to World Cup-related operations, enabling deployment to high-security locations such as team hotels and training sites, and providing security escorts for teams traveling to and from host venues. These efforts ensure a coordinated law enforcement presence to mitigate risks and maintain public safety.

If you have any questions about this grant, please contact Miriam Torrez, Fiscal Administrator, at (714) 834-4347 or [mtorrez@ocsheriff.gov](mailto:mtorrez@ocsheriff.gov).

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