MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2018

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission

When reconsidering the acceptance of the Federal Stonegarden Grants, the Board, at its February 20 meeting, approved the grant with a number of specific conditions. One was the formation of the Board Appointed Group to review actual Stonegarden implementation and report – both to the Board and the Sheriff – regarding Stonegarden issues and/or community concerns that may be raised. These issues include, but are not limited to:

1) Disproportionate impacts on minority communities;

2) The role of Pima County Law Enforcement Officers with the Federal Border Patrol Agents;

3) Roles and responsibilities of all law enforcement or federal agents with respect to travel on public highways including state and local highways;

4) Other issues as deemed appropriate by the Commission to fully understand the impacts as well as the benefits of the receipt and implementation of Federal Stonegarden Grants from the Federal Department of Homeland Security administered through the Arizona Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Based on the motion, the Commission shall be ten in number, two members appointed by each member of the Board of Supervisors to assist this Commission. I have tasked Terrance Cheung of my Criminal Justice Reform Unit in the County Administrators Office to provide staff support to the Commission. I would also suggest including a representative from the Sheriff’s Department, identified by Sheriff Napier, as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

I am attaching a motion approved by the Board regarding this matter, if the Board has any questions please contact me.
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Please expect communication from Mr. Cheung regarding the formation of the Commission and the identification of your representatives.

CHH/mb

Attachment

c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff
    Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
    Wendy Petersen, Assistant County Administrator
    Terrance Cheung, Program Manager
Supervisor Valadez: I move the condition -- the conditional approval of these two items on five conditions.

1) The E.R.E., employee related expenses, for this grant be modified to reflect the analysis of the Finance and Sheriff’s department to jointly determine correct E.R.E. to be used by the Sheriff’s department. Furthermore, I ask that the Sheriff and the finance staff review the last three years or more, if possible of Stonegarden grants to determine if the County applied the current E.R.E. and was appropriately reimbursed for its expenses, if the amount was less then we request reimbursement for the actual expenditure.

2) I would direct the County Administrator to develop a grant coordination process for the Sheriff and the County Attorney, for federal or state grants, not directly administered by existing county grant staff, so that these grants are monitored by a centralized county grant staff under the direction of the County Administrator.

3) Direct the County Administrator to ensure a process exists for collecting appropriate data, and information that both confirms a specific benefit of a criminal justice grant such as Stonegarden, but also establishes a data and information reporting system such that the cost of accepting such a grant on other elements of the county funded criminal justice system as prosecution defense and adjudication through the County May be fully and transparently disclosed. This is inclusive, obviously, of the information we talked about, who is being stopped and why.

4) That the Sheriff develop a written policy that is to be provided to this Board, that indicates specifically how, when and under what circumstances county law enforcement agents will interact with Federal immigration officials including the border patrol, customs, and immigration officials, including at the border patrol stations stops, and

5) That we put together and compose and populate a Board of Supervisors committee to report to both the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff’s Department with two members from each Board member to oversee the issue of potential racial profiling in this and other instances.

Supervisor Bronson: Would you be amenable to amending that to include in addition to what you said, direct the Sheriff to establish training and transparency measures. If we look at what’s happened in Maricopa County recently, and I’m -- it’s the Melendres vs. Penzone and this was a consent decree. I think that we can look to that reporting and transparency requirement that was spelled out in that consent decree.