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$2.9M set for Imperial County

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Imperial County is slated to receive about $2.9 million to beef up border security from a sum of money allocated by the Department of Homeland Security, according to Congressman Bob Filner.

The funds come under the Operation Stonegarden program, which was created to enhance cooperation with local law enforcement agencies in securing the nation's borders.

The total amount allocated to both San Diego and Imperial counties is more than $11.8 million. San Diego County received $8.8 million.

"We need a border that is effective, efficient and secure," Filner said in a prepared statement. "This money will go a long way to move us closer to that goal."