



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: District Attorney
Department No.: 021
For Agenda Of: February 27, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x2308
Contact Info: Megan Rheinschild, Victim Witness Program Director, x2408
SUBJECT: Agreement for Services of Contractor on Payroll for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Coordinator for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Human Resources, Risk Management

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Contractor on Payroll with Claudia Dato as Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), for the period of February 28, 2018 through June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00; and
- b) Determine that the above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), because it consists of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a countywide multi-disciplinary effort focused on providing services to both child and adult sexual assault victims. In January 2008, the Office of the District Attorney assumed administrative oversight of the SART program with the addition of one Contractor on Payroll position due to the complexity of the services and the existence of three countywide sites. Ms. Dato will replace the current Contractor on Payroll, who submitted her notice of resignation effective December 29, 2017.

Background:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) program, a collaborative effort initiated in 1986, now involves 20 participating agencies, departments and hospitals dedicated to ensuring that adult and child sexual abuse survivors receive comprehensive services tailored to their unique needs. The concept of this program is to provide multi-disciplinary services and facilities that will promptly and sensitively treat victims of sexual assault or abuse. SART partners actively participate in case review consultations to ensure victims are provided with comprehensive and appropriate medical, legal and social services.

Over the past 32 years, the scope of this collaborative effort has evolved from a single site adjacent to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to include additional facilities in Lompoc and Santa Maria, all of which are owned by the local area hospital. Each facility offers a safe, child-friendly location that is specifically equipped to enable the SART team to conduct thorough medical examinations and forensic interviews, and provide on-site treatment, emotional support, advocacy, and counseling referrals for victims and their families. These efforts have been the result of public-private partnerships that collaborate to locate and furnish sites in ways that will offer victims more prompt and responsive services. Timely responses to victims through a coordinated multi-disciplinary forensic-legal model ensures effective and efficient outcomes. Ultimately, this achieves the primary goal of SART, which is to facilitate the recovery of adult and child sexual assault victims and their families.

The Office of the District Attorney maintains administrative oversight of the SART program and the SART Coordinator. The District Attorney continues to provide the countywide leadership role needed to coordinate the program, with centralized administrative responsibilities. The Victim Witness Program Director maintains programmatic oversight, and has extensive experience managing grant programs. SART is accredited through the National Children’s Alliance (NCA), which signifies compliance with rigorous national standards and has afforded the program access to technical and financial assistance.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and appropriations are included in current and future budgets.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 24,883.00	\$ 55,000.00	
Total	\$ 24,883.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -

Based on Ms. Dato’s expected start date of February 28, 2018, it is anticipated that she will work approximately 720 hours during FY 2017-18. Partial-year costs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017-18 includes \$19,483 in salary expenses and \$5,400 in retirement benefits, for a total of \$24,883. Ms. Dato is expected to commence a 0.70 FTE schedule of 1,456 hours per year beginning on July 1, 2018, pending renewal of her Contractor on Payroll Agreement as part of the ongoing contracts process. Annualized ongoing costs will include \$39,399 in salary expenses and \$15,601 in retirement benefits. This existing position is 50% funded via a per capita contribution from each of the SART law enforcement partners: the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Lompoc, and the City of Santa Maria. The balance is funded through General Fund Contribution to the Public Health Department.

Key Contract Risks:

The District Attorney has administered this program since 2008. There is minimal risk to the County.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no additional staffing impacts. Claudia Dato is filling an existing 0.70 FTE Contractor on Payroll position that was vacated due to resignation in December 2017.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully-executed copy of the Agreement to Nicole Acosta, DA Business Specialist.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Contractor on Payroll

Authored by:

Nicole Acosta, Department Business Specialist (x2413)

cc:

Human Resources