



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: June 19, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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Vote Required: Select_Vote

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: District Attorney Name & Phone: Christie Stanley, x2308
Contact Info: Name & Phone: Marnie Pinsker, x2304

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the District Attorney to renew the State Agreement for the Domestic Violence Prosecution Grant Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

a) **That the Board of Supervisors:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney's Office to execute its agreement with the State Department of Justice for the Domestic Violence Prosecution Grant program in the amount of \$71,456 with a 20% Santa Barbara County General Fund match of \$14,291 for FY 07-08.

Summary Text:

The State Department of Justice (DOJ) requires the County to adopt a resolution enabling the District Attorney to continue the Domestic Violence Vertical Prosecution Program in Santa Barbara County.

Background: The Spousal Abuser Vertical Prosecution Project has been operational since January 1995 and is partially financed through a grant administered by the State Department of Justice. Consistent with the legislative guidelines of the Battered Women Protection Act, a team consisting of a full-time prosecutor, half-time investigator and half-time victim advocate in the Santa Barbara Office is dedicated to vertical prosecution of domestic violence offenders. This unit has been effective in helping victims to overcome their fear of the criminal justice system and encourage cooperation with the prosecution efforts. This has increased the conviction and sentencing of offenders, whose probation terms include follow up court appearances to ensure compliance with mandated counseling to reduce future domestic violence incidents. The unit will continue to vertically prosecute domestic violence cases, which have averaged 400 annually.

Performance Measure:

Domestic violence cases assigned to the vertical prosecution unit will be handled in accordance with grant requirements that include expedient filing and disposition of cases, and that batterers are held accountable for their actions by obtaining maximum sentence and terms of probation, while victims and their children are protected.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Revenues and appropriations are included in the Criminal Operations cost center of the District Attorney's budget (021-1001).

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 13,305.00	\$ 14,291.00	
State	\$ 66,523.00	\$ 71,456.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 79,828.00	\$ 85,747.00	\$ -

Narrative:

State funding in the amount of \$71,456 reflects a slight increase of \$4,933 in one time funds, which also increases the 20% match by \$987 to \$14,291. Funds are utilized to partially finance the salaries & benefits of the staff in the Domestic Violence Unit. A portion of the one time funds will be used for)

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

One Deputy District Attorney, .5 Criminal Investigator and .5 Victim Advocate are currently budgeted.

Special Instructions:

Please return executed copy of resolution to Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director

Attachments: Board Resolution

Authored by: Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director