



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 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director John T. Savrnoch, District Attorney, x82308
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x82304
SUBJECT: California Victim Compensation Board Criminal Restitution Compact Grant, Fiscal Years 2023-2026

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution approving, ratifying, and authorizing the District Attorney to execute a Grant Agreement with the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) to accept and expend the Criminal Restitution Compact grant for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$297,792.00, or \$99,264.00 per fiscal year;
- b) Approve and authorize the District Attorney or designee to execute any amendments to the Grant Agreement extending the term thereof through December 30, 2026, or for a supplemental grant award in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually, with the concurrence of County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller; and
- c) 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:

This agreement with CalVCB enhances services provided to victims by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office. The Victim of Violent Crimes (VVC) claims verification process enables victims to obtain financial recovery of losses experienced as a result of a violent crime from the State Victim Restitution Fund. The Criminal Restitution Compact assists the State with maintaining the integrity of this

fund by maximizing recovery of restitution fines and penalties ordered and collected locally. A Resolution is required in order to authorize the District Attorney to execute this agreement.

Background:

The Criminal Restitution Compact was initiated in January 2000 to assist the State Board Revenue Recovery and Appeals Division with improving the criminal restitution system. The State established contracts with various district attorney offices to maximize the recovery of criminal restitution fines, which provide for the reimbursement of victim losses incurred as a result of violent crimes. This grant provides a total allocation of \$297,792 over a period of three fiscal years. The total allocation from CalVCB will fund an existing 1.0 FTE Legal Office Professional (LOP) Senior position to ensure that statutory restitution fines and penalty assessments are included in court orders.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and appropriations are included in the Recommended 2023-24 budget and will be included in future budgets.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 99,264.00	\$ 99,264.00	\$ 99,264.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 99,264.00	\$ 99,264.00	\$ 99,264.00

The total award from CalVCB is \$297,792, which will be allocated over a three-year period. The program budget is \$99,264 per fiscal year. This includes \$92,864 in salary and benefit costs per fiscal year, which funds an existing 1.0 FTE LOP Senior position, as well as \$6,400 in operating costs and overhead charges per year. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Recommended budget. Expenses and revenue for Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 will be budgeted in the Recommended budgets for those fiscal years.

Staffing Impacts:

The salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE LOP Senior have been funded since the grant’s initiation in January 2000. The award continues to fund this existing position for the next three fiscal years (2023-26).

Special Instructions:

Please return the following documents to John DeAlba, DA Department Business Specialist:

1. One (1) duplicate original fully-executed Resolution; and

Attachments:

- A. Board Resolution
- B. Grant Agreement

Authored by:

John DeAlba, Department Business Specialist (x82434)