



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:** September 13, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x2308  
Contact Info: Kerry Bierman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x2304  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2016-2017 State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board  
Criminal Restitution Compact Grant (VCGC6082)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute an Agreement with the State Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board (VCGCB) to accept and expend the Criminal Restitution Compact grant for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$96,373.00; 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:**

This agreement with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) enhances services provided to victims by the Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney. The Victim of Violent Crimes (VVC) Claims Verification 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 to maintain 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, as well as comply with non-supplanting State funds.

**Background:**

The Criminal Restitution Compact was initiated in January 2000 to assist the State Board Revenue Recovery and Appeals Division to improve the criminal restitution system. The State established contracts with various District Attorney Offices to maximize the recovery of criminal restitution fines, which finances the reimbursement of victim losses incurred as a result of violent crimes. This contract provides \$96,373 for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 to fund an existing 1.0 FTE Paralegal 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 current and future budgets.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 96,373.00	\$ 96,373.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 96,373.00	\$ 96,373.00	\$ -

The Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board allocation of \$86,355.45 in salary and benefit costs funds an existing 1.0 FTE Paralegal position as well as \$10,017.55 in operating costs and overhead charges. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 16-17 Recommended budget and the Fiscal Year 17-18 Proposed budget. Revenue is tracked in Line Item Account 4339 State - Other and Program 1001 Criminal Prosecution.

**Staffing Impacts:**

The Criminal Restitution Compact salary and benefits allocation has funded a 1.0 FTE Paralegal position since it was initiated in January 2000. The Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 award continues to fund this existing position.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return the following documents to Nicole Acosta, DA Department Business Specialist:

- Four (4) original fully-executed Resolutions
- One (1) fully-executed copy of the Resolution

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Board Resolution
- Attachment B: Standard Agreement

**Authored by:**

Nicole Acosta, Department Business Specialist