



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: May 22, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Joyce Dudley, District Attorney, x2308
Contact Info: Kimbra McCarthy, DA Director of Administration, x2304

SUBJECT: Grant: State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Victim Claims Verification Services.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

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 extend Victim Claims Verification Services effective July 1, 2012 though June 30, 2015, for a total of \$696,192.

Summary Text:

Since FY 1987-88, the District Attorney has contracted with the VCGCB to verify claims for victims of crime to obtain reimbursement for losses suffered as a result of a serious crime. Victims Compensation Claims Specialists, determine whether applicants meet State eligibility requirements for the Victims of Crime Program. The Specialists then verify whether the claims filed include all necessary documentation regarding the crime and determine that the services are crime related. They also recommend award or denial of Victim Compensation Claims directly to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, expediting the process for payment of victim claims.

This long term agreement with the VCGCB enhances services provided to victims of violent crime by the District Attorney Victim/Witness Assistance Program. The VCGCB claims verification process enables victims to obtain financial recovery of losses experienced as a result of a violent crime.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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	\$ 232,064.00	\$ 232,064.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 232,064.00	\$ 232,064.00	\$ -

The FY 12-13 Victim Compensation Claims Verification Program Agreement totals \$232,064 which provides \$223,082 funding 2.0 Claims Specialists, .20 Administrative Office Professionals and .05 Victim/Witness Program Manager. In addition, the funding provides \$8,982 in operating and overhead costs. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Recommended FY 12-13 and Proposed 13-14 budgets.

Staffing Impacts:

Claims Specialist 2.0
Admin Professionals .20
Victim Witness Program .05
Manager

Special Instructions:

Please return five (5) executed copies of resolution to Kimbra McCarthy, DA Administrative Director

Attachments: Board Resolutions

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