



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 27, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director John T. Savrnich, District Attorney, x82308
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer,
x82304
SUBJECT: Cal OES Human Trafficking Advocacy Program (HA) Grant Award, Subaward No.
HA22 05 0420

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the Board Resolution in Attachment A approving, ratifying, and authorizing the District Attorney to execute a Grant Agreement with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) accepting the Human Trafficking Advocacy Program grant award for the award period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$154,500;
- b) Approve and authorize the District Attorney to execute any amendments to the Grant Agreement extending the term thereof through June 30, 2024, or for a supplemental grant award in the amount not to exceed \$50,000, with the concurrence of County Counsel and Auditor-Controller; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), since they consist 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, and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The Human Trafficking Advocacy (HA) Program provides outreach to human trafficking victims, as well as those at risk of being trafficked. Funding through the Cal OES grant supports .66 FTE of existing Victim/Witness Advocates and 0.49 FTE of an existing Victim/Witness Supervisor.

Per the Cal OES Grant Agreement, the District Attorney is required to maintain written documentation on file showing authorization by the Board of Supervisors for the District Attorney to sign the Grant Agreement. In order to meet state deadlines and properly receive the grant funding, the District Attorney preliminarily executed the Grant Agreement pending formal authority from the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this Board Letter is to request that the Board formally authorize the District Attorney to sign the Grant Agreement with Cal OES for the HA Program grant award for the award period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$154,500.00.

Background:

The HA program is part of the DA's Victim Witness Assistance Program, which is charged with implementing the provisions of Penal Code 13835, to provide optional and mandatory services to victims of crime in Santa Barbara County. The HA Victim/Witness Advocate provides these mandated services, focusing on human trafficking victims, including victims of both forced labor and sex trafficking. In addition, the HA Victim/Witness Advocate attends juvenile court proceedings and collaborates with Juvenile Probation, Behavioral Wellness, District Attorney, and Public Defender staff to advocate for and provide services to suspected victims of trafficking.

In 2013, a local task force consisting of various County departments, local law enforcement, and non-profit agencies was created to educate the community and stakeholders to recognize, identify and respond to trafficked victims. In addition, the task force provides a venue for information sharing and networking on resources available from each of the respective agencies. Under the direction of the District Attorney, the Victim Witness Project Director and Supervisor continue to facilitate the Countywide Human Trafficking Task Force, coordinating and delivering training, and providing an avenue for services and outreach on the subject. In collaboration with the County Department of Child Welfare Services (CWS) and Probation, the HA program has developed screening tools for CWS and Probation to use to help identify at-risk youth. Children identified as victims are referred to the HA Victim/Witness Advocate for services.

During the prior grant period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, 16 victims of human trafficking were provided 780 units of services, including crisis intervention, resource-referral counseling, case-criminal justice information, court support, and emergency financial assistance. 97% of these victims were female. Two victims were minors under the age of 18 identified through law enforcement, juvenile justice and social service partners.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and expenditures are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget and the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

Fiscal Analysis:

The grant award reflects one year of program expenses for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The grant funding spans across two fiscal years. The total project cost is \$154,500 and does not require local cash match this grant cycle.

The \$154,500 grant funds include \$138,355 in Salaries and Benefits, which funds 0.66 Victim Witness Program Advocate and 0.49 Victim Witness Program Supervisor. Also included is \$16,145 in Operating Costs.

Grant Award Schedule			
<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Grant Award Period</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>	
2019 VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)	1/1/23 – 12/31/2023	\$	103,052
2021 VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)	1/1/23 – 12/31/2023	\$	51,448
<i>Total Grant Award</i>		\$	154,500

Key Contract Risks: There is minimal risk to the County. Funds are reimbursed after program expenses are incurred.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall post the Notice of Exemption upon Board approval. Please return the following items to John DeAlba, DA Department Business Specialist:

- a) One (1) Minute Order;
- b) One (1) duplicate original fully-executed Grant Award Resolution;
- c) One (1) copy of the fully-executed Grant Award Resolution; and
- d) One (1) copy of the approved Notice of Exemption.

Attachments:

- a) Board Resolution
- b) HA22 Grant Award
- c) Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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