



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: District Attorney  
Department No.: 021  
Agenda Date: June 9, 2026  
Placement: Administrative Agenda  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: John T. Savrnoch, District Attorney  
Contact: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** California Victim Compensation Board Criminal Restitution Compact (CRC) Grant (S26-016), Fiscal Years 2026-2029

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the District Attorney or designee to execute a Standard Agreement with the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) to accept and expend Criminal Restitution Compact grant funds for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, 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 Standard Agreement extending the term thereof through December 30, 2029, 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 recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because 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.

**Summary Text:**

This grant agreement enhances the services the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office provides to victims of violent crimes. The Victim of Violent Crimes claims verification process enables victims to obtain financial recovery for losses resulting from a violent crime from the State Victim Restitution Fund. The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) Criminal Restitution Compact grant assists the State in maintaining the integrity of this fund by maximizing the recovery of restitution fines and penalties ordered and collected locally. A Resolution is required to authorize the District Attorney or designee to execute this grant agreement.

**Discussion:**

This request is before your Board to allow the District Attorney's Office to accept grant funds from the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) to partially fund the District Attorney's Restitution Specialist position. The Restitution Specialist assists in identifying, calculating, and pursuing court-ordered restitution on behalf of CalVCB for benefits paid to crime victims, including expenses related to medical treatment, mental health counseling, funeral costs, relocation, wage loss, and other eligible victim services. Through this process, the District Attorney's Office seeks reimbursement from offenders who are legally responsible for the harm caused to victims.

This work supports the long-term sustainability of the California Restitution Fund, which finances compensation for eligible crime victims statewide. By recovering restitution from convicted offenders, the Fund is replenished, helping ensure that financial assistance remains available for future victims of violent crime and other qualifying offenses.

The grant also enhances the services the District Attorney's Office provides to victims by supporting dedicated staff focused on restitution matters, allowing for more timely and effective recovery efforts. Victims often experience significant financial hardship as a result of crime, and the Restitution Specialist serves as an important liaison between prosecutors, victims, CalVCB, and the courts to ensure restitution claims are properly documented and pursued. This dedicated support helps improve victim access to compensation resources, increases accountability for offenders, and reduces the administrative burden on victims navigating the restitution process during an already difficult time.

**Background:**

The Criminal Restitution Compact grant was initiated in 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 crimes.

This grant award provides a total allocation of \$297,792 over a period of three fiscal years, which will continue to partially fund an existing FTE Legal Office Professional (LOP) Senior position to ensure that statutory restitution fines and penalty assessments are included in court orders.

**Performance Measures:**

Monthly performance statistics will be provided by the Cal VCB Criminal Restitution Compact (CRC) Contract Analysts to the District Attorney's Office on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the prior month. The statistics will be sent by email to the CRC Specialist and their supervisor. The monthly performance statistics will include the total number of restitution orders imposed by the County on behalf of CalVCB from the beginning of the fiscal year through the end of the prior month. This will also show the amount encumbered for the County for that fiscal year. This information will be used as a tracker

to help the County meet its overall goal of securing orders for Cal VCB that exceed the cost of the agreement.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The total award from CalVCB is \$297,792, which will be allocated over a three-year period. This is comprised of \$99,264 in Salaries and Employee Benefits costs per fiscal year, which will continue to partially fund an existing FTE LOP Senior position. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget. Expenses and revenue for Fiscal Years 2027-28 and 2028-29 will be budgeted in the Recommended Budgets for those fiscal years.

Funding Source	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	Total
General Fund				
State	\$99,264	\$99,264	\$99,264	<b>\$297,792</b>
Federal				
Fees				
[Other Source]				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,264</b>	<b>\$ 99,264</b>	<b>\$ 99,264</b>	<b>\$ 297,792</b>

**Staffing Impacts:**

The Criminal Restitution Compact grant will continue to partially fund an existing FTE Legal Office Professional (LOP) Senior position through the duration of the grant from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Legal Position Title	Number of FTE	Annual Cost
Legal Office Professional Senior	0.73	99,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>\$ 99,264</b>

**Special Instructions:**

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

- a) One (1) Minute Order
- b) One (1) copy of a fully-executed Resolution

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Resolution

**Attachment B** – CalVCB Standard Agreement No. S26-016

**Contact Information:**

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 Department Business Specialist  
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