



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** District Attorney  
**Department No.:** 021  
**For Agenda Of:** July 14, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x82306  
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer,  
x82303  
**SUBJECT:** Cal OES Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program Grant  
Award, Subaward No. UV19 04 0420

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**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 Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) accepting the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program grant award for the award period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$218,750;
- b) Approve and authorize the District Attorney to execute any future amendments or extensions thereof through June 30, 2021, not to exceed \$50,000, with the concurrence of County Counsel and 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, and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

The Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program provides outreach to victims of violent crime within the unserved and underserved communities of the immigrant Spanish and

Indigenous-speaking agriculture workforce in the Santa Maria area. Funding through Cal OES supports 1.6 FTE Victim/Witness Program Advocates who provide mandatory and optional services to victims in accordance with Cal OES program guidelines and the Penal Code section governing Victim-Witness Assistance Programs. In addition to advocate training, these advocates have completed cultural competency training on working with the Mixtec-speaking population. In addition to the 1.6 FTE Victim/Witness Program Advocates funded by the grant, a portion of the Victim Witness Program Manager's time (0.032 FTE) and the Victim Witness Program Supervisor's time (0.012 FTE) is dedicated to supervising the Victim Advocates and overseeing the UV program. This in-kind time, as well as the County-funded portion of radio advertising for the program, serves as the required cash match for the program.

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 UV Program grant award for the award period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$218,750, plus \$10,938 in local County match, for a total project cost of \$229,688.

### **Background:**

Under the UV Program, advocates provide the following services to victims of crime who are part of the unserved and underserved immigrant Spanish and Indigenous-speaking agriculture workforce in Santa Maria:

- **Crisis Intervention:** Advocates respond to victims of crime who are seeking short term emotional and physical care in the aftermath of crime.
- **Referrals:** Advocates provide referrals to licensed therapists who provide trauma-informed counseling. In addition, advocates can connect victims to other community services such as medical providers, mental health providers, County social services and child protective services, domestic violence agencies, child abuse centers, and rape crisis centers, all of which provide a myriad of services to victims as the need indicates.
- **Criminal Justice System Support and Advocacy:** Advocates provide basic information regarding the criminal justice system, define legal terms, and offer assistance to victims of crime who may not have reported the crime or be known to law enforcement. Immigrant victims are often unfamiliar with the laws of the United States and distrust law enforcement due to negative experiences in their home countries. Because of this, Advocates provide intensive orientation to the criminal justice system and explanation of victims' rights under the California Constitution (Marsy's Law).
- **Crime Victim Compensation and Emergency Assistance:** Advocates arrange for emergency financial assistance for victims such as emergency relocation, funeral burial expenses, food, transportation, and clothing.

The UV program coordinates outreach to the target community via a contract with Emerald Wave Media to provide Spanish and Mixteco radio spots about the UV program on AM and FM radio stations. In addition, the radio stations air monthly 30-minute live talk shows highlighting the UV program.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and expenditures are included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget and the 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The grant award reflects program expenses for the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. The grant funding spans across two fiscal years. The total project cost is \$229,688, which includes the \$218,750 grant award, and a \$10,938 cash match that was included in the original grant award. The cash match was included in the District Attorney’s Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget and 2020-21 Adopted Budget. The cash match has been waived.

<b>UV Grant Award Schedule</b>			
<b><u>Federal Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Award Period</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Award Amount</u></b>	
FFY 2018 VOCA	10/1/19 – 12/31/2020	\$	218,750
<i>Total Grant Award</i>		\$	218,750

**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) UV19 Grant Award
- c) Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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