



**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 16, 2015
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: Kerry Bierman, 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 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, for a total of \$696,192; 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:

Since FY 1987-88, the District Attorney has contracted with the VCGCB to verify claims for victims of crime and 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:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State	\$ 232,064.00	\$ 232,064.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 232,064.00	\$ 232,064.00	\$ -

The FY 15-16 Victim Compensation Claims Verification Program Agreement totals \$232,064 which provides \$215,453 funding for 2.0 Claims Specialists. In addition, the funding provides \$16,611 in operating and overhead costs. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Recommended FY 15-16 and Proposed 16-17 budgets.

Key Contract Risks:

The District Attorney has been awarded this grant from the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board annually for 28 years and has successfully passed every audit since the original award in 1987. There is minimal risk to the County.

Staffing Impacts:

Claims Specialist 2.0

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) executed copy of resolution to Jo Ann Slattery, District Attorney Business Manager

Attachments: Board Resolution and Standard Agreement

Authored by: Jo Ann Slattery, District Attorney Business Manager