



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: December 12, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) John T. Savrnock, District Attorney; (805) 568-2308
Contact Info: Megan Rheinschild, Victim Witness Program Director;
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SUBJECT: Service Agreement with Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, for Support of the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force

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) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, to provide collaborative leadership and administrative support to the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$210,000; and
- b) Determine that the 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), finding that the project is a creation 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:

The District Attorney's Office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, to provide collaborative leadership and administrative support to the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force in an amount not to exceed \$210,000. The term began on October 1, 2023, and all program funds must be

expended by September 30, 2026. This agreement will be fully grant-funded by federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) funding.

Following Board approval, Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, will continue to provide support to the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force and its mission to develop and enhance multi-disciplinary strategies that employ victim-centered, collaborative, and sustainable approaches to identify victims of all types of human trafficking. The agreement represents a project that is ready for immediate implementation.

Background:

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 Countywide Human Trafficking Task Force provides a venue for information-sharing and networking with resources available from each of the respective agencies. Under the direction of the District Attorney, the Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director and Supervisor continue to facilitate the Task Force by 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 Task Force has developed screening tools for CWS and Probation to use to help identify at-risk youth.

In 2016, the District Attorney's Office and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office submitted coordinated grant applications and were awarded grant funding to further develop the County's Human Trafficking Task Force and enhance the County's ability to combat human trafficking. In 2023, the District Attorney's Office re-applied for grant funding following the expiration of the prior grant period; the District Attorney's Office was awarded \$950,000 in grant funding to support the *FY 2023 Direct Services to Support Victims of Human Trafficking Program*. Of the \$950,000 awarded, \$210,000 will be used to fund this agreement.

The goal of the program is to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to victims of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended. Funding through this program is intended to support direct services to victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking, as well as for efforts to increase the capacity of communities to respond to human trafficking through the development of interagency partnerships, professional training, and public awareness activities.

Performance Measure:

Over the past year, the Kingdom Causes team has developed a 29-member Leadership Team of countywide experts to create and begin implementing a 3-year Strategic Plan to combat labor and sex trafficking. This includes the creation of and facilitation of multiple action groups that include countywide medical providers, K-12 school administrators, counselors, and educators, with a strategic focus on the prevention of sexual exploitation and protection of adult survivors. We have achieved the creation of multiple tools to address survivor identification and referral, and have provided trainings to community-based organizations.

In the coming years, Kingdom Causes will raise the funds needed for the implementation of Strategic Plan goals through SAFE (Strategic Alliance to Fight Exploitation), a donor-advised fund, overseen by a team of local subject matter experts and alliance partners. Kingdom Causes will continue coordinating action groups to address the goals of the Strategic Plan and the development of impactful projects to address sex trafficking in Santa Barbara County. Suggested action groups could organize around topics such as

community education and mobilization, data systems, funders roundtable, faith-based mobilization, and more as determined by the advisory committee. Kingdom Causes will also continue working with the District Attorney’s Office to identify ways to gather data and conduct a needs assessment to better understand labor trafficking in the county.

The services provided through the agreement are summarized in Exhibit A: Statement of Work. The contractor will provide reports to the District Attorney’s Office regarding services provided and the related outcomes during the monthly advisory committee meetings and action groups.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. The not-to-exceed agreement amount is \$210,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026, or \$70,000 per fiscal year. The full amount will help fund employee salaries and benefits for Kingdom Causes, and will be fully grant-funded by federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) funding.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FFY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 210,000.00

Key Contract Risks:

Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, was selected because they are a unique and proven facilitator of cause-based, collaborative efforts in combatting human trafficking. Kingdom Causes’ facilitation experience in the sector of human trafficking prevention surpasses 10 years, and its task force in Long Beach, CA serves as a regional model of collaboration and solutions-focused dialogue around all forms of human trafficking. The District Attorney’s Office has contracted with Kingdom Causes since 2022. There is minimal risk to the County.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

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

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: Service Agreement with Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet

Authored by:

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