



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: May 21, 2019  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
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, x2308  
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x2304  
**SUBJECT:** California Victim Compensation Board Criminal Restitution Compact Grant, Fiscal Years 2019 - 2022

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**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 California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) to accept and expend the Criminal Restitution Compact grant for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$289,119.00, or \$96,373.00 per fiscal year; 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:**

This agreement with CalVCB enhances services provided to victims by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office. The Victim of Violent Crimes (VVC) claims verification process enables victims to obtain financial recovery of losses experienced as a result of a violent crime from the State Victim Restitution Fund. The Criminal Restitution Compact assists the State to maintain the integrity of this fund by maximizing recovery of restitution fines and penalties ordered and collected locally. A Resolution is required in order to authorize the District Attorney to execute this agreement, as well as comply with non-supplanting State funds.

**Background:**

The Criminal Restitution Compact was initiated in January 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 finances the reimbursement of victim losses incurred as a result of violent crimes. This contract provides a total allocation of \$289,119 over a period of three fiscal years. The total allocation from CalVCB will fund an existing 1.0 FTE Legal Office Professional Senior position to ensure that statutory restitution fines and penalty assessments are included in court orders.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and appropriations are included in current and future budgets.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019-20</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2020-21</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2021-22</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 96,373.00	\$ 96,373.00	\$ 96,373.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,373.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,373.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,373.00</b>

The total award from CalVCB is \$289,119, which will be allocated over a three-year period. The program budget is \$96,373 each fiscal year. This includes \$87,000 in salary and benefit costs per fiscal year, which funds an existing 1.0 FTE Legal Office Professional Senior position, as well as \$9,373 in operating costs and overhead charges per year. Program expenses and revenue are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Recommended budget. Expenses and revenue for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 will be budgeted in the Recommended budgets for those fiscal years.

**Staffing Impacts:**

The salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE Legal Office Professional Senior has been funded since the grant's initiation in January 2000. The award continues to fund this existing position for the next three fiscal years (Fiscal Years 2019 - 22).

**Special Instructions:**

Please return the following documents to Nicole Lee-Rodriguez, DA Department Business Specialist:

1. Four (4) duplicate original fully-executed Resolutions; and
2. One (1) copy of fully-executed Resolution.

**Attachments:**

- A. Board Resolution
- B. Grant Agreement

**Authored by:**

Nicole Lee-Rodriguez, Department Business Specialist (x2413)