



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: November 19, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney, x2308
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x2304
SUBJECT: Cal OES Human Trafficking Advocacy Program Grant Award, Fiscal Year 2018-19

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) Adopt the Board Resolution in Attachment A 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 Human Trafficking Advocacy Program grant award for the award period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$150,000.00; 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, and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text: The Human Trafficking Advocacy (HA) Program provides outreach to human trafficking victims, as well as those at risk of being trafficked. Funding through Cal OES and required County match supports a 1.0 FTE Victim/Witness Advocate and 0.57 FTE Victim/Witness Supervisor.

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. Although the Cal OES grant revenue and expenditures were approved during the budget

development process for the award period, staff identified that formal Board authorization was still required. 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 HA Program grant award for the award period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$150,000.00 with a \$37,500 cash match.

Background:

The HA program is part of the DA's Victim Witness Assistance Program, which is charged with implementing the provisions of Penal Code 13835, to provide optional and mandatory services to victims of crime in Santa Barbara County. The HA Victim/Witness Advocate provides these mandated services, focusing on human trafficking victims, including victims of both forced labor and sex trafficking. In addition, the HA Victim/Witness Advocate attends juvenile court proceedings and collaborates with Juvenile Probation, Mental Health, District Attorney, and Public Defender staff to advocate for and provide services to suspected victims of trafficking.

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 task force provides a venue for information sharing and networking on resources available from each of the respective agencies. Under the direction of the District Attorney, the Victim Witness Project Director continues to facilitate the Countywide Human Trafficking Task Force and is the single point of contact in the District Attorney's Office for coordinating and delivering training and outreach on the subject. In collaboration with the County Department of Child Welfare Services (CWS) and Probation, the HA program has developed screening tools for CWS and Probation to use to help identify at risk youth. Children identified as victims are referred to the HA Victim/Witness Advocate for services.

Since January of 2017, 128 victims of human trafficking have received victim services. Of those served, 96% were female, 72 adults and 51 minors. Five individuals were identified as being labor trafficking victims. 103 youth in the Juvenile Justice System have been identified as "at risk" for Child Sexual Exploitation (CSEC). Of those, 95 were girls and eight were boys. 56 of those youth were confirmed as having been commercially sexually exploited. Over 70% of these youth have also been engaged in the child welfare system at one time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. Revenues and expenditures are included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 Adopted Budgets.

Fiscal Analysis:

The grant award reflects one year of program expenses for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The grant funding spans across two fiscal years. The total project cost is \$187,500. This includes the \$150,000 grant award and a \$37,500 cash match. The cash match was included in the District Attorney’s Fiscal Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 Adopted Budgets.

| Grant Award Schedule | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Federal Funding Sources</u> | <u>Grant Award Period</u> | <u>Grant Award Amount</u> |
| FFY 2018 VOCA | 1/1/19 – 12/31/2019 | \$ 150,000 |
| <i>Total Grant Award</i> | | \$ 150,000 |

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 Nicole Lee-Rodriguez, DA Business Manager:

- 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) Grant Award
- c) Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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