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PROJECT ABSTRACT

Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Taskforce (SBCHTTF)

In 2016, Santa Barbara County's Human Trafficking Task Force (SBCHTTF) was extremely grateful to receive DOJ/OJP's FY16 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking and awarded \$1.34 million dollars (\$740,737 to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and \$600,000 to Santa Barbara County's District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Program) to support efforts to identify survivors and conduct investigations and prosecute traffickers. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office enthusiastically requests continued funding of our role as lead law enforcement agency of the SBCHTTF through Category 2: Advanced Task Force Operational Effectiveness in the total amount of \$900,000.

Santa Barbara County has an estimated population of 446, 527 and is located along the coast between San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. These three cities are among top 12 with the highest substantive calls about human trafficking, (reference the National Human Trafficking Hotline). Santa Barbara County's robust agricultural economy, popular tourist destination with many restaurants, hotels/motels, and recent receipt of 5,600 licenses for cannabis cultivation afford conditions known for labor trafficking. Between 2017 to 2018, SBCHTTF conducted a total of 84 investigations of human trafficking. Specifically, there were 73 investigations for sex trafficking, 7 investigations for labor trafficking, and 2 investigations that included both labor and sex trafficking. 87 survivors of human trafficking were identified, of which, 82 were female (48 adults, 34 children), and 5 were male (2 adults, 3 children). Although there were no prosecutions for human trafficking during this period, there were 7 convictions for pimping/pandering, and two convictions for statutory rape and lewd/lascivious acts with a minor. There are cases still pending for 33 confirmed perpetrators arrested and charged with HT-related offenses. By contrast, between 2014 and 2016, there were 7 investigations of sex trafficking, and the identification of 7 survivors. There were 3 prosecutions for Human Trafficking which resulted in two convictions for human trafficking and one for pimping and pandering.

SBCHTTF addresses the significant issue of Human Trafficking using a multi-agency collaborative approach that includes active and engaged law enforcement working together with victim service providers to identify and offer survivors comprehensive services, as well as,

