



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 8, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney
Contact Info: Megan Rheinschild, Victim Witness Program Director x2408
SUBJECT: Department of Justice Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Grant Award to the District Attorney's Office

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the District Attorney or designee to execute a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, accepting the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking grant award totaling \$604,390 over a three-year grant period;
- b) Approve BJE#0004812 to increase appropriations in FY 2016 - 2017 in the amount of \$202,330 in District Attorney's Office General Fund for Salaries & Benefits (\$148,873) and Services & Supplies (\$53,457) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Revenue-Federal; and
- c) 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:

In May of 2016, the District Attorney's Office and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office submitted separate but coordinated grant applications to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking. The goal is to operationalize the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Taskforce through increased funding for victim services and law

enforcement resources. The Sheriff's Office funding would provide dedicated resources for the investigation of human trafficking crimes, and funding in the District Attorney's Office would be dedicated to enhancing victim services and designating resources for taskforce coordination. In addition, a portion of the grant award would be allocated toward data collection and analysis. In September of 2016, the United States Department of Justice approved funding for the coordinated project proposal and awarded \$1.34 million dollars over a three year grant period. This project will provide \$604,390 to the District Attorney's Office and \$740,737 to local law enforcement.

The District Attorney's funding will enable a Taskforce to facilitate and sustain activities including training, community outreach and protocol development. In addition, it will provide a devoted Victim Advocate to provide intensive case management services. The Advocate will also serve as a countywide resource for identifying and enlisting the appropriate services for adult, minor, domestic, and international trafficking victims. Furthermore, funding will build upon early efforts to collect, share and analyze data. This will better allow the Taskforce to make data and evidence-based system improvements.

Background:

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery. Victims include not only sexually exploited individuals, but also those forced to provide labor by means of force, fraud or coercion. California is one of the top four U.S. human trafficking destinations. Our central coast has been identified as a natural transit corridor for trafficking activity between major metropolitan areas to the south and north. As a tourist destination with conference venues, a transitory population and migrant labor, Santa Barbara County is vulnerable to trafficking activity. In response to this alarming trend, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office established the Human Trafficking Taskforce in 2013. The goal was to convene stakeholders, assess the local problem, increase public awareness, and develop and implement effective strategies. To date, the lack of dedicated resources has hampered the Taskforce's ability to effectively address human trafficking crimes and provide timely services to victims.

The Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking grant program provides funding to local governments for the purpose of assisting communities in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary human trafficking taskforces. These taskforces implement collaborative approaches to combating all forms of human trafficking within the United States. This includes identifying victims, addressing the individualized needs of victims through quality services, and investigating and prosecuting cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. This highly-competitive grant opportunity was open to cities and counties throughout the country.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Revenues and expenditures are included in BJE#0004812. The amount reflected in the budget revision includes one year of program expenses.

The total grant award for the Human Trafficking Grant Award is \$604,390, which will be allocated over a three year period. The program budget for FY 2016-17 is \$202,330. This includes salaries and benefits for one new 1.0 FTE Victim Witness Program Advocate II, anticipated on-call expenses and overtime costs which total \$148,873. In addition, the program anticipates Rape Crisis Advocacy costs from the

North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center (NCRCC) and the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (RCC). Both agencies are committed to 24/7 availability. NCRCC is funded for \$6,000 in year one, \$9,000 in year two, and \$12,000 in year three given the anticipated increase in staffing demands after Taskforce start up. In addition, RCC is anticipating total annual costs of \$13,383 in year one, \$14,122 in year two, and \$14,600 in year three.

Grant funds will also be allocated to develop public service announcements and produce live radio show programs, both of which will raise awareness of human trafficking and provide resource and referral information to potential victims. These costs include \$4,371 to purchase radio air time, which is included to conduct outreach to potential Spanish-speaking victims, many of whom are hard to reach and rely on radio for news and information. Other supply costs include \$7,150 to purchase a laptop computer, office supplies, and the development and printing of outreach materials. Also included is \$29,981 over the three year period for a contracted consultant, who will attend Taskforce meetings and gather data in accordance with project goals and objectives. Costs also include the lease of a fleet vehicle at an annual cost of \$7,897. A total of \$22,377 is designated for personnel to attend DOJ-mandated training during the grant period.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 202,330.00		\$ 604,390.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 202,330.00		\$ 604,390.00

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
Victim Witness Program Assistant II	1.0

Special Instructions:

Send two (2) fully-executed copies of the Grant Agreement to Kerry Bierman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Position Resolution
- Attachment B: Budget Revision Request #0004812
- Attachment C: Grant Agreement
- Attachment D: Grant Agreement Budget Detail and Narrative
- Attachment E: Project Abstract

Authored by:

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