



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: September 1, 2020
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, x82308
Contact Info: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, x82303

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Cal OES Grant Application Authorization

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the District Attorney, or her designee, in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, to execute Certifications of Assurance of Compliance for the following California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) grant applications:
 - i. Victim Witness Assistance Program;
 - ii. Unserved/Underserved Advocacy Program;
 - iii. Child Advocacy Center Program (KC);
 - iv. Elder Abuse Program;
 - v. Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (eSCARS);
 - vi. County Victim Services (XC); and
 - vii. Human Trafficking Advocacy Program; and

- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute, in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Certifications of Assurance of Compliance for the following Cal OES grant applications:
 - i. Victim Witness Assistance Program;
 - ii. Unserved/Underserved Advocacy Program;
 - iii. Child Advocacy Center Program (KC);
 - iv. Elder Abuse Program;

- v. Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (eSCARS);
- vi. County Victim Services (XC); and
- vii. Human Trafficking Advocacy Program.

Summary Text:

The District Attorney’s Office receives multiple grant awards from Cal OES for grant programs that continue from year to year. In order to continue these programs, the District Attorney’s Office must re-apply for these grants on an annual basis. The District Attorney’s Office was previously authorized by the Board of Supervisors to apply for and accept the awards for all of the grants referenced herein. The District Attorney’s Office is requesting authorization to re-apply for the grants listed in the below table during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

All Cal OES grant applications require the applicant to submit a signed Certification of Assurance of Compliance with the application packet. This document serves as written proof from the governing board that the department official executing the grant award documents is authorized to do so. Historically, the Auditor-Controller as County Financial Officer has signed the Certification of Assurance of Compliance. However, following discussions with the Auditor-Controller, it has been determined that it would be more appropriate for the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance going forward. As a result, as part of the application process for each Cal OES grant, once the District Attorney is authorized to sign the Certificate of Assurance of Compliance and signs, the District Attorney’s Office will now submit a Certification of Assurance of Compliance to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors for signature. Upon approval of the grant applications by Cal OES, the District Attorney’s Office will continue to return to the Board for authorization to accept the grant awards. The District Attorney’s Office will also continue to bring any new grant applications and awards to the Board of Supervisors for authorization.

The table below identifies Cal OES grants previously approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget amounts. The District Attorney’s Office is requesting authorization to re-apply for the Cal OES grants listed below during Fiscal Year 2020-21:

Program Title	Granting Agency	FY 20-21 Adopted Budget	Current Grant Period Ends
Victim Witness Assistance Program	Cal OES	\$ 98,600	9/30/2020
Unserved/Underserved Advocacy Program	Cal OES	\$ 175,000	12/31/2020
Child Advocacy Center Program (KC)	Cal OES	\$ 200,000	3/31/2021
Elder Abuse Program	Cal OES	\$ 114,700	12/31/2020
Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (eSCARS)	Cal OES	\$ 250,000	12/31/2020
County Victim Services (XC)	Cal OES	\$ 237,700	12/31/2020
Human Trafficking Advocacy Program	Cal OES	\$ 150,000	12/31/2020
Total		\$ 1,826,000	

Background:

The District Attorney’s Office currently maintains a portfolio of seven Cal OES grants. Since 1978, the District Attorney has received partial funding through Cal OES to enhance its service levels without requiring additional County General Fund contribution. The Cal OES grants provide vital funding that enables the District Attorney to provide comprehensive services to crime victims through its Victim

Witness Assistance Program. The Victim Witness Assistance Program is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the primary provider of help and support to victims of violent crime, as per Penal Code section 13835. The Victim Witness Assistance Program is responsible for advocating on behalf of victims of crime, assisting victims navigate the criminal justice system, and obtaining crime victim compensation in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. There is no cost to re-apply for Cal OES grants. However Revenues and Expenditures referenced in the grants herein are included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

Fiscal Analysis:

Revenues totaling \$1,826,000 for grants approved previously are included in the District Attorney's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Revenue for grants not included in the District Attorney's budget will be brought back to the Board through a Budget Adjustment request if necessary. Matching requirements for grants will be met with existing staff already performing grant related functions or other funding sources as necessary.

Key Contract Risks:

There is minimal risk to the County. These grants have been renewed for multiple years and there is no cost to re-apply for Cal OES grants.

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

- a) One (1) Minute Order

Attachments:

- a) Sample Cal OES Certification of Assurance of Compliance

Authored by:

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