



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 22, 2007
Placement: Administrative
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: District Attorney Name & Phone: Christie Stanley, x2308
Contact Info: Name & Phone: Marnie Pinsker, x2304

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing the District Attorney to renew Agreements with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for two year extensions of the Victim Claims Verification Services and the Restitution and Recovery Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board to extend Victim Claims Verification Services effective July 1, 2007 though June 2009, for a total of \$423,836; and
- b) Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to renew the Criminal Restitution Compact with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board in the amount of \$93,787.50 annually for fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Summary Text:

These long term agreements with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board enhance services provided to victims by the District Attorney's Office. The Victims of Violent Crimes (VVC) Claims Verification enables victims to obtain financial recovery of losses experienced as a result of a violent crime, from the State Victim Restitution Fund. The Restitution and Recovery Compact assists the State to maintain the integrity of this Fund by maximizing recovery of restitution fines and penalties ordered and collected locally.

Background:

Since FY 87-88, the District Attorney has contracted with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to verify claims for victims of crime to obtain reimbursement for losses suffered as a result of a serious crime. Victims Compensation Claims Specialists, housed in the North and South County offices, determine whether applicants meet State eligibility requirements for the Victims of Crime Program and then

verify that the claims filed include all necessary documentation regarding the crime and determine that the services are crime related. The Claims Specialists also recommend award or denial of Victim Compensation Claims directly to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, expediting the process for payment of victim claims. In the FY 05/06 a total of 553 victim claims were verified and submitted, returning \$702,433 in reimbursement to victims, hospitals, counselors and other providers.

The Criminal Restitution Compact was initiated in January 2000 to assist the State Board Revenue Recovery and Appeals Division to improve the criminal restitution system. The State established contracts with various District Attorney Offices to maximize the recovery of criminal restitution fines, which is the source of financing to reimburse victim losses incurred as a result of a violent crime. This contract will provide \$93,787.50 annually for the next two fiscal years, which finances one paralegal position to ensure that statutory restitution fines and penalty assessments are included in court orders.

Performance Measure:

Obtain restitution orders in 85% of the cases with a named defendant when VVC claim has been filed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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

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	\$ 303,418.00	\$ 305,705.50	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 303,418.00	\$ 305,705.50	\$ -

Narrative:

The FY 07-09 Victim Compensation Claims Verification Program Agreement totals \$423,836 to reimburse program expenditures, providing \$185,009 annually to finance two Claims Specialists and .5 clerical support, along with \$26,909 in operating costs and overhead costs. Program expenses and revenue have been budgeted in the FY 07-08 budget. The Criminal Restitution Compact agreement finances the \$81,442 in salary & benefit costs along with \$12,345 in operating costs and overhead charges for FY 07-08. Program expenditures and revenues are included in the budget. The FY 08-09 budget will include the same financing and service levels for both programs.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Two VVC Claims Technicians, one Paralegal and .5 Office Assistants are currently budgeted.

Special Instructions:

Please return executed copy of resolution to Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director

Attachments: Board Resolutions

Authored by: Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director