



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: District Attorney  
Department No.: 021  
For Agenda Of: October 27, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Acting District Attorney  
Name & Phone: *Josh Lynn* Josh Lynn, x2311

Contact Info: Name & Phone: Marnie Pinsker, x2304  
Megan Rheinschild, x2408

SUBJECT: Acceptance of ARRA Violence Against Women Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors

Consider recommendations regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant for the District Attorney's Office, as follows:

- a) Authorize the District Attorney to accept and receive a Grant Award from Department of Justice - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Vertical Prosecution Recovery Act Program for the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$207,232, along with \$69,077 in 25% required matching funds to serve victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

**Summary Text:**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Recovery Act), signed into law February 17, 2009, provides \$175 million in Violence Against Women - STOP formula funds to improve the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The Recovery Act was enacted to:

- preserve and create jobs;
- promote economic recovery;
- help people most impacted by the recession;
- increase economic efficiency by investing in technological advances in science and health;
- promote long-term economic benefits by investing in transportation, environmental protection and other infrastructure; and
- preserve essential services in states and local governments.

Funds are made available by ARRA through the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) – Law Enforcement & Victim Services Division for grants to support local prosecution efforts and victim services provided by District Attorney Offices. Initially the Santa Barbara County DA applied for a \$150,000 + \$50,000 match grant to sustain three staff assigned half time to the North County Domestic Violence Vertical Prosecution Unit. While the initial application was not funded, new Vertical Prosecution Recovery Act Program Grant Funds in the amount of \$207,232 + \$69,077 match were awarded to this office for a 15 month grant. The vertical prosecution team will have a priority focus on cases involving victims of sexual assault, with felony domestic violence cases also assigned to the unit. An estimated 300 victims will be served, by providing criminal justice information, support and referral assistance to facilitate access to services and ensure victims' safety.

**Background:**

Historically, the District Attorney's Office has received State and Federal funds to support domestic violence vertical prosecution teams. Last fiscal year, \$70,000 in State Department of Justice funds were cut from the State budget, resulting in the loss of an attorney position in South County. A total of \$150,000 in Federal VAWA funds + a \$50,000 match were included in the budget to sustain three staff assigned to the domestic violence vertical prosecution unit in North County. The revised allocation, administered by Cal EMA, will sustain staffing for 15 months, with a primary focus on adult victims of sexual assault and secondarily, felony victims of domestic.

**Performance Measure:**

- Prosecute an estimated 200 violent crimes against adult women.
- Provide 300 victims with criminal justice information, support and referral assistance to ensure victim safety and access to services

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**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	\$ 50,000.00		
State			
Federal	\$ 150,000.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 200,000.00	\$	\$

Narrative:

While the total grant award and match is \$276,309, it is estimated that \$200,000 will be expended during FY 09-10, with the balance of \$76,309 to be budgeted in FY 10-11 for the final quarter of the grant. The federal grant funds and match are included in the District Attorney's Adopted budget 021/1001/7000.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
Deputy District Attorney	.7
Dist. Attorney Investigator	.5
DA Victim Advocate	.55

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the Minute Order to the District Attorney's Office, ATT Mamie Pinsker

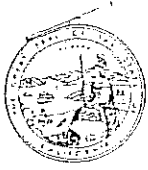
**Attachments:**

Cal EMA grant award notice

**Authored by:**

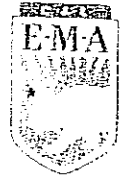
Marnie Pinsker, DA Administrative Director

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October 7, 2009

Christie Stanley  
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Santa Barbara County  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Ms. Stanley:

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION APPROVAL**  
Vertical Prosecution Recovery Act Program (200902216)  
Award #: VP09 01 0420  
Cal EMA ID#: 083-00000

Congratulations! The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) has approved your application in the amount of \$207,232, subject to Budget approval. A copy of your approved subgrant is enclosed for your records.

Cal EMA will make every effort to process payment requests within 60 days of receipt.

This subgrant is subject to the Cal EMA Recipient Handbook. You are encouraged to read and familiarize yourself with the Cal EMA Recipient Handbook, which can be viewed on Cal EMA's website at [www.calema.ca.gov](http://www.calema.ca.gov).

Any funds received in excess of current needs, approved amounts, or those found owed as a result of a close-out or audit, must be refunded to the State within 30 days upon receipt of an invoice from Cal EMA.

Should you have questions on your subgrant, please contact your Program Specialist.

LEVS Grant Processing

Enclosure

c: Recipient's file