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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-419

MEETING: August 2, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Approve the Domestic Violence Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Application for 2016-2017

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the 2016 -2017 District Attorney's Office Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Grant Award Agreement; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair and District Attorney to Sign the Grant Award Agreement. The grant is administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$202,545, with a cash match of \$67,515. The cash match is provided by the salary of an incumbent Deputy District Attorney assigned to this grant program. The VV Grant Program commences July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017; and provides the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, and Mariposa Mountain Crisis Services with the ability to collaborate to provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

This program funds an Extra-Help Sheriff's Investigator, 50% of the Victim Witness Coordinator position, offsets the salary of a Deputy District Attorney position, an Extra-Help Advocate, an Extra-Help Office Assistant, and the partial salary for a Legal Advocate employed with Mariposa Mountain Crisis Services, along with training in the prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes.

The VV Program is a four-year Grant, in which recipients are required to reapply each year. With the approval of the current grant award application and upon approval by Cal OES this will be the District Attorney's fourth year of funding through the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant Program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On April 9, 2013, the Board approved the 2013-2014 District Attorney's Office Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program application administered through the State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) (Resolution 2013-124).

On June 10, 2014, the Board approved the 2014-2015 District Attorney's Office Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program application administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) (Resolution 2014-254).

On June 23, 2015, the Board approved the 2015-2016 District Attorney's Office Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program application administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) (Resolution 2015-294).

On July 12, 2016, the Board approved the 2016-2017 Operational Agreement for the District Attorney's Office and John C. Fremont Healthcare District. (Resolution 2016-378)

On July 19, 2016, the Board approved the 2016-2017 Operational Agreement for the District Attorney's Office and Mountain Crisis Services. (Resolution 2016-391)

On July 19, 2016, the Board approved the 2016-2017 Scope of Services for the District Attorney's Office and Mountain Crisis Services. (Resolution 2016-392)

The Board has approved other grants submitted by the District Attorney's Office including the Victim Witness Program for the past 23 years. The District Attorney's Victim Witness Services is fully funded by State and Federal funds with no assistance from the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board chooses to not approve this program it will have a negative impact on the District Attorney's Victim Witness Services' ability to provide assistance to victims and witnesses of crime in Mariposa County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant Program is fully funded with State and Federal Grant Funds of \$202,545. The Local Match of \$67,515 is an incumbent Deputy District Attorney assigned to the program and fully funded in the District Attorney – Prosecution budget. No additional General Funds will be used.

ATTACHMENTS:

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CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hodson, CAO 7/26/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier