



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-252

MEETING: May 24, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Authorize Submission of County Victim Services Program Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Submission of the County Victim Services Grant through the California Office of Emergency Services; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Application.

Mariposa County Human Services is requesting permission to submit a grant application through the California Office of Emergency Services County Victim Services (XC) Program. Funds in the amount of \$141,488 over a 24-month period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018) will be used to develop a plan and implement supports to address gaps and unmet needs for victims of crime.

The Human Services Department convened a steering committee and facilitated a planning process with our partners from the following agencies: District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness Services Program, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, Alliance for Community Transformations, Mariposa Safe Families, Kene-Me-Wu, Valley Educational Services, Mariposa County Superior Courts, etc. The results of the planning process demonstrated that the following were the top needs/gaps in services for victims in the County: Children's and Adults' Mental Health Services; services for victims who don't go through criminal justice system (33%); transportation, especially linking victims from the North County area to services; and emergency funds for items that cannot be paid for out of existing funds, such as the Victim Compensation Funds.

The attached proposal and plan was developed as a response to the planning process findings to fund the following strategies should funds be awarded:

- Development of a Mental Health Fund to pay private providers to serve victims who may not have access to other supports (either as a result of not being eligible for Victim Compensation Funds or having a cost prohibitive share of cost for other Mental Health Services).
- Funding for an advocate from the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office-Victim Witness Services Program to provide services one day per week via the Human Services Office in the North County area to better serve that community.
- Funding for the Alliance for Community Transformations to provide

transportation to victims to and from court, interviews and essential services.

- Funding for an emergency fund to pay for unanticipated or unfunded costs incurred by victims due to loss of property or need to relocate, etc.

Matching funds for the grant, in the amount of \$35,372 will be provided by Mariposa County Human Services in administration of the grant as well as in-kind office space in our North County office in Coulterville.

If the County does not apply for these grants, certain needs of victims in our County will continue to go unaddressed until we are able to identify other funding sources to meet them.

There will be no cost to the County General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has previously authorized victim services grant applications.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this grant is not submitted, the County will continue to have gaps in mental health and transportation services for victims living in the North County area. There will also be less emergency funding for items that cannot be paid for out of our existing funds than if the grant were submitted and approved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If approved, this grant will bring approximately \$141,488 over two years in federal revenue into Mariposa County. Dependent on timing, a budget action will accompany the request for grant acceptance or the grant award will be included in the Requested/Recommended Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Victim Services Program Grant Application (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended



Mary Hodson, CAO 5/19/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

I, Chevon Kothari hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign Subaward; same person as Section 14 on Subaward Face Sheet)

SUBRECIPIENT: County of Mariposa

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Mariposa County Human Services Department

PROJECT TITLE: County Victim Services (XC) Program

is responsible for reviewing the *Subrecipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Subaward requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Federal Grant Funds

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually are required to secure an audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and are allowed to utilize federal grant funds to budget for the audit costs. See Section 8000 of the Subrecipient Handbook for more detail.

- The above named Subrecipient receives \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.
- The above named Subrecipient does not receive \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.

II. Equal Employment Opportunity – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2151*)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **Cal OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Mary Hodson

Title: County Administrative Officer

Address: 5100 Bullion Street, Post Office Box 784, Mariposa, California 95338-0784

Phone: (209) 966-3222

Email: mhodson@mariposacounty.org

III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization subawarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

IV. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2153)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all Cal OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

V. Lobbying – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2154)

Cal OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

VI. Debarment and Suspension – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2155)
(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

Cal OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VII. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (Applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain a signed resolution from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of Cal OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Subaward, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant Subrecipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and Cal OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from Cal OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

VIII. Civil Rights Compliance

The Subrecipient complies with all laws that prohibit excluding, denying or discriminating against any person based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in both the delivery of services and employment practices and does not use federal financial assistance to engage in explicitly religious activities.

IX. Special Condition for Grant Subaward with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

- **Computer Network Requirement:** The recipient understands and agrees that (a) No award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, and (b) Nothing in subsection (a) limits the use of funds necessary for any federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.
- **Prohibit use of funds for ACORN and its subsidiaries:** Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
- **Text Messaging Policy:** Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages recipients and subrecipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
- **Nondiscrimination in programs involving students:** The recipient understands and agrees that award funds may not be used to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided from those funds, or of the parents or legal guardians of such students.
- **Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements:** The recipient agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and OJP). The recipient also agrees to comply with applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The details of recipient obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs web site at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/sam.htm> (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here. This special condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural

person (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

- VA OCFO Access: The Grantee authorizes Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and/or the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and its representatives, access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper or documents related to the VOCA grant. The State will further ensure that all VOCA subgrantees will authorize representatives of OVC and OCFO access to and the right to examine all records, books, paper or documents related to the VOCA grant.
- Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct: The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by mail: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice Investigations Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 4706, Washington, DC 20530; email: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov; hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): 800-869-4499; or hotline fax: 202-616-9881. Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at www.usdoj.gov/oig.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Subrecipient may be ineligible for subaward of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Subaward [Section 14 on Grant Subaward Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant Subrecipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Chevon Kothari

Authorized Official's Typed Name: Chevon Kothari

Authorized Official's Title: Director of Mariposa County Human Services Department

Date Executed: 5-18-16

Federal Employer ID #: 94-6000-880 Federal DUNS # 071859607

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: 10/4/2016

Executed in the City/County of: Mariposa

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Financial Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> County Financial Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> County Manager |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Chair | |

Signature: John Carrier

Typed Name: John Carrier

Title: Chair, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Steven W. Dahlem
STEVEN W. DAHLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance-VOCA (Cal OES 2-104f), which includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board, Civil Rights Compliance, and the special conditions for Subaward with the above mentioned fund. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Subaward. In signing the Grant Subaward Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. Cal OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VII, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.