



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-516**

MEETING: September 27, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Authorize Approval to Accept the County Victim Services Program Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve and Accept the County Victim Services Program Grant Subaward Administered through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the Amount of \$141,488, Commencing July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Certification of Assurance of Compliance; and Approve Budget Actions Increasing Revenue and Appropriations in the Victim Services XC Fund and in the Victim Witness Budget to Recognize the (\$70,744).

Mariposa County Human Services is requesting permission to accept a grant 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 grant application and program plan were 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.

There will be no cost to the County General Fund.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has previously authorized approval to receive victim services grant funds.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not accept the grant. Certain needs of victims in our County, including gaps in mental health and transportation services, will continue to go unaddressed until the County is able to identify other funding sources. There will also be less emergency funding for items that cannot be paid with existing funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**If approved, this grant will bring approximately \$141,488 over two years in federal revenue into Mariposa County. The budget actions increase revenue and appropriations in the newly established Victim Witness XC Fund by \$70,744 and also transfer out a portion of this funding (\$12,425), to the Victim Witness budget. There is no impact to the County General Fund.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Victim Services Program Grant Application (PDF)**
- Budget Action Victim Services (XC) Program (PDF)**
- Budget Action Form- XC16 01 0220 (PDF)**
- Victim Services (XC) Program approved grant application (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
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Mary Hodson, CAO 9/22/2016

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor  
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

