



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-459**

MEETING: August 6, 2019  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Walter Wall, District Attorney  
RE: Approve Victim Witness Assistance Program 2019-2020 Grant Application

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the 2019-2020 Victim Witness Assistance Program (VW) Grant Application Administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the Amount of \$274,010 for Fiscal Year 19/20; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Application;

The Victim Witness Assistance Program grant commences October 1, 2019, and runs through September 30, 2020, and provides the District Attorney's Office with funding for services to victims and witnesses of crime.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program is a year to year Grant, in which recipients are required to reapply each year. With the approval of the current application and upon approval by Cal OES this will be the District Attorney's 27th year of funding through the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

This program funds 90% of the Victim Witness Coordinator position, an 100% Mass Victimization Advocate, and a 50% Victim Witness Advocate (Extra-Help) and 15% of the District Attorney's Chief Investigator. The District Attorney's Victim Witness Program is fully funded by State and Federal funds with no assistance from the General Fund.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has approved other grants submitted by the District Attorney's Office including the Victim Witness Program for the past 27 years.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the Board chooses to not approve the application it will have a negative impact on the Victim Witness Program's ability to provide assistance to victims and witnesses of crime within Mariposa County.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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**The Victim Witness Assistance Program is fully funded with State and Federal Grant Funds. No additional General Funds will be used. This grant has been incorporated in the requested budget for fiscal year 2019-2020**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Scan of VW19 27 0220 (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey

**EXCUSED:** Merlin Jones

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