



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
District Attorney



Date: May 16, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 21, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Stephen M. Wagstaffe, District Attorney

Subject: Submission of the County Victim Services Program Grant Proposal to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to submit a grant proposal and enter into a Grant Award Agreement with Cal OES to help fill victim services needs from fiscal year 2016-2017 through fiscal year 2017-2018.

BACKGROUND:

During the current fiscal year, Cal OES announced the opening of the County Victim Services Program to provide a one-time 24-month grant for all California counties. This is a collaborative grant. In order to apply for and receive this grant, the Office of the District Attorney must submit Board Memos and Resolutions authorizing the application process.

DISCUSSION:

In the interests of efficiency, the Office of the District Attorney is requesting that the Board authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept the above-referenced grant monies through and including the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Such "standing resolutions" would obviate the need for the District Attorney to prepare and submit Board Memos and Resolutions each year. Should the terms of the Grant Award Agreements differ substantially from the 2016-2017 agreement, the Office of the District Attorney will present the new agreements to the Board for approval. The County Victim Services Program will require a county match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

During a minimum of the next two fiscal years, the grant will help fund the operating expenses associated with the County Victim Services Program, as well as the creation of a new District Attorney's Office Victim Advocate position in the Victim Services division. The grant will also fund 3.99 FTE positions from two victim services community-based organizations: Community Overcoming Relationship (CORA) and Rape Trauma Services (RTS). County general funds will fulfill the match requirement. The District Attorney's Office shall not exceed the financial needs of the Victim Services division.