



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



Date: March 15, 2017
Board Meeting Date: April 11, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: Use of District-Specific **Measure K** Funds – Supervisorial District 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time \$34,000 grant of district-specific **Measure K** funds to Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse to provide supervision for community advocates in support of two new, population-specific programs, and authorizing the County Manager, or his designee, to prepare and execute the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the thirty-year half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012, and extended by the voters in November 2016. The Board and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending.

On March 17, 2015, the Board adopted the **Measure A** (now **Measure K**) allocation plan for the FY 2015-17 budget, during which the County anticipates **Measure K** receipts of approximately \$80 million annually. The plan included \$5 million in one-time loans or grants for FY 2015-16, and \$1 million each year for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17, divided equally among the five Board districts, for district-specific needs and projects for entities that submitted Letters of Intent which were not funded or, in cases of emergencies or unforeseen circumstances, other one-time projects for entities that did not submit a Letter of Intent. On April 28, 2015, the Board approved the criteria and process to be used by staff to administer these funds. In accordance with such criteria, District Four submitted a request to use **Measure K** funds as set forth below:

District/Project	Amount
District 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum) – Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse: Funding to support a full-time Community Advocacy Coordinator to supervise a community-based advocate to be located in East Palo Alto, and an advocate for teens in local schools countywide, both of whom will provide one-on-one intervention services to high risk residents who are experiencing domestic violence or at risk of experiencing domestic violence.	\$34,000

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

Funding a Coordinator of Community-Based Advocacy who will ensure education about healthy relationships, the impact of domestic violence, and one-on-one intervention services for the community of East Palo Alto and teens who experience domestic violence contributes to the Shared Vision outcome of a healthy community where neighborhoods are safe by supporting victims of domestic violence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for this purpose.

ATTACHMENT – Project Summary

PROJECT SUMMARY

DISTRICT 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum)

FY 2016-17 Request One-Time Grant of \$34,000 in Measure K Funds to Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)

East Palo Alto residents as well as teens countywide have unique needs with regard to domestic violence outreach and intervention. These needs create unique challenges in accessing services. For the East Palo Alto community in particular, these challenges may include language barriers, immigration status, lack of transportation; and for teens generally these challenges may include concerns about social stigma, lack of parental support or awareness. Taken together, these challenges are cause for great concern. Nationwide, domestic violence is already one of the most under reported crimes. Fear, shame, and a lack of knowledge about available services makes it difficult even for those brave enough to request help.

This pilot effort will offer in-person domestic violence peer- counseling, safety planning, education, risk assessment, and referral. All persons will also receive referrals and access to CORA's free, multilingual, trauma-informed wrap-around services including housing, mental health counseling, children's programming and legal services. Research shows that full access to these services decreases future victimization and increases safety for residents at risk of domestic violence.

The Community-Based Advocacy Coordinator will supervise the two community-based advocacy pilot efforts being launched. The Coordinator will supervise one advocate located in East Palo Alto to serve the East Palo Alto community generally and another advocate who will be available through a partnership with the District Attorney's Office to support teens in schools throughout the county. The District Attorney's Office Victim Advocate will be stationed at the juvenile branch of the court. When the Advocate determines the youth is a victim of sexual violence, intimate partner violence/domestic violence, and/or commercial sexual exploitation of children, and the youth is in need of adjunct services, the Advocate will call CORA or Rape Trauma Services for assistance. CORA's role will be to provide crisis intervention, advocacy, and peer counseling through a dedicated specialist for youth who are victims of, or at risk for, relationship violence.

These advocates will assess the community needs with regard to domestic violence outreach and intervention, provide one-on-one, culturally and linguistically appropriate support, educate the community about services available to them and enhance understanding of the dangers and dynamics of domestic violence. The Coordinator will ensure that the needs of these communities are being effectively being met.

Performance Measures:

East Palo Alto:

- Measure 1: 100% of EPA residents who engage with the Community Advocate will be provided with resource information and have an opportunity to formalize a safety plan.
- Measure 2: 50% of EPA residents served will receive at least one referral to CORA's wrap-around services (e.g. mental health, legal, housing, etc.) or other community-based resources.
- Measure 3: 50% of those receiving referrals will access the referral within 30 days of receiving the referral.
- Measure 4: 90% of program participants will show an increased understanding of community resources available to victims of domestic violence
- Measure 5: 90% of participants will show an increase in domestic violence related knowledge or skills to support survivors

Teens (Countywide):

- Measure 1: 50 teens will be assisted through CORA's Outreach and Crisis Intervention Program
- Measure 2: 100% of teens who engage with the teen Advocate receive resource information and have an opportunity to formalize a safety plan.
- Measure 3: 50% of teens served will receive at least one referral to CORA's wrap-around services (e.g. mental health, legal, housing, etc.) or other community-based resources
- Measure 4: 80% of workshop participants will show an increase in domestic violence related knowledge or skills to support survivors

Approximately 50 teens (countywide) and 40 East Palo Alto residents are expected to be served by June 30, 2017.