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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney
District Attorney
REPORT BY: Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215
SUBJECT: Renewal of Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program (SAPP) grant

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests the following actions in connection with the State of California Department of Justice Domestic Violence Spousal Abuser Program for Fiscal Year 2005-2006:

1. Authorization to sign a grant award in the amount of \$33,913; and
2. Adoption of a resolution approving \$6,652 in County General Fund monies as match.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ongoing grant addresses the vertical prosecution of Spousal Abuse cases to minimize the trauma of the victims of these crimes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney
	The grant funds approximately 34% of an attorney salary and benefits.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This grant partially funds an attorney to prosecute spousal abuse cases.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The Spousal Abuser Prosecution Program should continue into the future, if

not, the General Fund would have to support the activity in the District Attorney's Office. This is a noncompetitive grant. County match is \$6,652. This grant funds an attorney to vertically prosecute spousal abuse cases to minimize the impact upon these victims.

Consequences if not approved: Because the prosecution of these crimes is a mandated function of the District Attorney's Office, the General Fund would have to support the activity.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Fiscal Year 2005/2006 is the tenth year that the County of Napa has received a Domestic Violence Spousal Abuser Program grant from the State of California Department of Justice.

This year's award, \$33,261 with a cash match requirement of \$6,652, permits the District Attorney to assign a single, experienced Deputy District Attorney to prosecute spousal abuse cases from filing of the charges to sentencing. Dealing with a single prosecutor throughout the legal process provides greater continuity and confidence, and is less traumatic for the victims of spousal abuse.

Funds 34% of the salary of the Attorney III who is prosecuting spousal abuse cases. The cash match is used toward the attorney's salary and benefits, the balance is already included in the District Attorney's fiscal year 2005/2006 budget.

This fiscal year amount will reduce the District Attorney's Net County cost for fiscal year 2005/2005 by \$2,993.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . SAAP Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi