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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney  
District Attorney  
**REPORT BY:** Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215  
**SUBJECT:** Application for Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VAW-VP) Program and resolution of support.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Attorney requests the following actions in regards to the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program which provides vertical prosecution of crimes against women, including domestic violence:

1. Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to prepare, execute, and submit to the Office of Emergency Services an application for the first one half year of the two and one half year grant cycle, commencing January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$45,000 for the first one half year and \$90,000 each subsequent year; and
2. Adoption of a resolution in support of this grant application.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Napa has been fortunate to have been awarded this grant since fiscal year 1996/1997. During this time frame it was a noncompetitive grant. The Office of Emergency Services has now decided to make this a competitive grant. Fiscal Year 2004/2005 was augmented for the period of July 01, 2005 through December 31, 2005 to permit time for this application process. This current application is for the period January 01, 2006 through June 30, 2006 and will include the full fiscal year thereafter.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney

Attorney position is budgeted for salary and benefits of \$97,338 and the legal secretary position is budgeted for \$51,185, for a total of \$148,523. FY 04/05 grant was extended and augmented through December 2005 in the amount of \$45,000. The current grant application is for the period of January 2006 through June 2006 in the amount of \$45,000. This will leave a county paid portion of \$58,523 for the fiscal year for the two positions.

The funds awarded will be an increase to the District Attorney's Office revenue by \$14,032 over the current amount budgeted. This will decrease the District Attorney's Net County Cost by \$14,032.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: This grant will fund 71% of the salary and benefits of the Attorney position that will vertically prosecute Violence Against Women crimes and 41% of the Legal Secretary for the Domestic Violence Unit. Vertical Prosecution permits the victim to work with the same prosecutor from charging of the crime through sentencing thus minimizing the trauma experienced by the victim.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Upon successful award of this six month period (January 01, 2006 through June 30, 2006) the grant will then be for a full fiscal year, each year, through June 30, 2008.

Consequences if not approved: Since prosecution of these crimes is mandated by law, the County General Fund would have to support the activity in total.

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**

The purpose of this grant is to vertically prosecute Violence Against Women crimes, thus, the same prosecutor will work with the victim from charging of the crime through sentencing of the perpetrator of these crimes thereby minimizing the trauma as much as possible for these victims.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . VAWA Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi