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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Allison Haley - District Attorney
District Attorney

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Victim Assistance Flex Funds Agreement with NEWS

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 170972B with NEWS to increase maximum compensation to \$94,000 and to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2021 for administration of victim assistance flexible funding provided under a Victim Services Program grant subaward with the California Office of Emergency Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NEWS, a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, has been administering flexible financial assistance funding available to the District Attorney's Office through a grant subaward from the California Office of Emergency Services since 2016. The flexible financial assistance funding is dedicated to support victims' immediate health, safety and other urgent needs. The District Attorney's Office received additional grant funding from the State of California, increasing the amount of funding available for flexible financial assistance. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 170972B will extend the term of the agreement with NEWS to December 31, 2021, and increase the contact maximum by \$32,000, to a new maximum of \$94,000, with no impact to the County General Fund.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

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

Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to apply for these funds or provide enhanced services to victims of crime in the county. The grant Subaward provides funding through December 31, 2021 to improve the County's ability to serve the needs of victims of crime throughout the County, and allows the County to enhance victim services by improving coordination between all local service providers and increasing the resources that are available to serve victims of crime throughout the County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Revenue and expenditure appropriations are included in the District Attorney's adopted budget for FY 2020-2021. Revenue and expenditure appropriations for future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If the requested action is not approved, NEWS will not be able to continue to provide administration of flexible financial assistance funding for victims' immediate health, safety, and urgent needs. County staff workload will be impacted and services to fill identified gaps and needs to better serve victims of crime throughout the County, and the County will be negatively impacted.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

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 District Attorney's Office began providing victim witness services in Fiscal Year 2010-11. The Victim Services Division currently operates with funding provided primarily by grant programs administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES). The Victim Services Division is funded with a combination of state and federal grant funds, and with matching funds included in the District Attorney's budget at no additional cost to the County General Fund. The Victim/Witness program staff currently offers and provides mandated and optional services to an average of 1,500 victims each fiscal year.

A County Victim Services Program subaward, granted in 2016 to the District Attorney's Office, provides funding to meet victim services gaps/needs identified by a local steering committee, such as improved coordination between service providers, enhanced direct victim services, emergency assistance, transportation assistance, resource and referral assistance, and direct counseling. In 2016, the District Attorney's Office contracted with NEWS to administer the flexible financial assistance funding provided through the grant subaward. The District Attorney's Office received an additional Subaward from Cal-OES in 2020, expanding the term and funding available to amend the agreement with NEWS to extend the term to December 31, 2021 and to increase compensation for administration of flexible financial victim assistance by \$32,000, consistent with the approved grant subaward.

Today's recommended action will amend Agreement No. 170972B (Amendment No. 4) to allow NEWS to continue

offering administrative services for the flexible financial victim assistance funding by extending the term of the agreement and increasing maximum compensation to \$94,000.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Susan Kuss