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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki Lundeen for Allison Haley - District Attorney
District Attorney

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SUBJECT: Application and Acceptance of Funding for Family Justice Center Program

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Certification of Assurance of Compliance document that authorizes the District Attorney to apply for and sign grant subawards with the California Office of Emergency Services for a maximum of \$400,000 for the two (2) year term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 for the Family Justice Center Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will allow the District Attorney to apply for and sign grant subaward documents, including applications, amendments, extensions, and modifications, thereof, for the Family Justice Center Program in Napa County. The subaward program is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services to provide State General Funds for emerging Family Justice Centers who work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or dependent adult abuse, or human trafficking in a collaborative service setting in order to reduce trauma by using a multidisciplinary team approach.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	State General Fund 2018-2019 funding through a subaward administered by the California Office of Emergency Services.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate for the District Attorney's Office to provide a Family Justice Center. However, the county has been collaborating for several years to develop a Family Justice Center model, together with its multidisciplinary team partners to reduce the trauma to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder and dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking. The grant program provides funding for the County's multidisciplinary team partners to operate the Family Justice Center during the grant term, with no net increase in County General Funds.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations for the following fiscal year will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, the District Attorney will not be able to obtain additional funding from the State of California for provision of multidisciplinary team collaborative services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder and dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking in a setting designed to better serve these vulnerable victims.
Additional Information:	There is not a local match requirement for these funds.

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

For several years, a collaborative effort has been underway between the District Attorney, local community-based service provider organizations, law enforcement, adult protective services, and the Health and Human Services Agency to develop a model for a Family Justice Center that would best serve vulnerable victims of crime in Napa County. With the recent posting of a Request for Proposal (RFP) by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES), the District Attorney has taken the lead on behalf of this collaborative local effort to respond to the RFP with an application to assist with funding the needs of emerging Family Justice Centers.

If Napa County is successful in being awarded funding for this two year project, the work plan will include collaborating with local partners to develop a long-term plan for offering services through a Family Justice Center model. One of the key objectives of the local partners is to utilize existing resources and to provide multiple victim services under one roof whenever possible. The proposed grant project budget will assist in meeting these objectives and will provide training and technical assistance from the Alliance for HOPE, an organization that is directly involved with developing workable and sustainable Family Justice Center models worldwide. Grant funds would be used to support a centralized location where victims of domestic violence, elder and dependent adult abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking can be better served by a team of multidisciplinary partners representing law enforcement, victim advocates, forensic interviewers, government and non-profit service providers, and the District Attorney. Space has been identified for the Family Justice Center in a portion of Aldea Children and Family Services' building on First Street in downtown Napa, adjacent to the County's Courage Center Program, a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center serving child victims of crime and their family members. In addition to the dedicated staffing provided for the program by the District Attorney's Office and Aldea, the multidisciplinary team partners will all provide the necessary staffing and resources to support the operations of the Family Justice Center based on the demand for services. The grant funds will allow the partnering agencies

to build the framework, community awareness, and relationships needed for successful implementation, while seeking alternative funding that can be sustained within our local community partnerships.

Today's recommended action will authorize the Chair to sign the Certificate of Assurance of Compliance (COAOC) document, which authorizes the District Attorney to apply and sign for the grant subaward, including extensions, modifications or amendments thereof. The Family Justice Center Program provides up to \$400,000 of State General Funds for the 24-month operation of the Family Justice Center, with no net increase to the County General fund.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp