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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: Application and Acceptance of Funding for Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach 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 a grant subaward with the California Office of Emergency Services for the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program for \$328,125 for the term April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will allow the District Attorney's Office to seek continued funding for the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program for the term April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This program will provide continued funding toward a Victim Services Program Manager and one full time and one part time Victim Advocate to enhance services provided to victims of crime in the Latino community.

FISCAL 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 victim services to the Latino community. This subaward grant program would provide continued funding toward the program manager and one full-time and one part-time advocate to provide targeted outreach and services to victims of violent crimes in the Latino community that may otherwise have limited access to services. Increased federal funds allocated through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) provides additional funding opportunities to enhance services and outreach efforts to targeted populations in Napa County based on assessed needs. A continued annual subaward in the amount of \$328,125 will benefit unserved/underserved victims in the Latino community for the 18-month period of April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, comprised of about \$262,500 in federal VOCA funds and approximately \$65,625 in local matching funds (already included in the District Attorney budget), with no additional cost to the County General Fund.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program grant subaward (originally awarded in April, 2016) is renewable for a five-year funding cycle through a re-application process. Appropriations have been included in the District Attorney's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 adopted budget and appropriations for future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the District Attorney's Office will not be able to receive continued funding to provide enhanced services to unserved/underserved victims in the Latino community, including bilingual outreach and services to this vulnerable population.

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 2010-2011. The Victim Services Division currently operates with funding provided primarily by grant subaward programs administered by the California Office of Emergency Services. Increased funding allocated under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) allows for expanded services to targeted populations. The Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program grant subaward provides VOCA funding for the Victim Services Program Manager, one full time and one part time advocate solely for the purpose of assisting victims of violent crime in the Latino community. The programs provide outreach and enhanced victim services such as crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resource and referral assistance, and direct counseling.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the District Attorney to apply for and accept funding needed to operate the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program so that Victim Advocates will be able to assist the targeted populations by linking them to County and State programs, aiding and guiding them through the legal system, assisting with the trauma recovery process, and providing outreach and education about available

services and resources. The continuation of this subaward program will provide the District Attorney's Office with sufficient funding to maintain the current advocate staffing levels that are dedicated to serving the target population. The Victim Services Division is funded with state and federal grant funds with matching funds included in the District Attorney budget at no additional cost to the County General Fund.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri