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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Pamela Hansen for Mark Gregersen - Director
Human Resources
REPORT BY: Pamela Hansen, Human Resources Analyst III, 253-4305
SUBJECT: Amend the Departmental Allocation List for District Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Human Resources Director requests adoption of a resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List in the District Attorney's Office to extend the Limited Term of a DA-Elder Abuse Prosecutor, effective April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The District Attorney Elder Abuse Prosecutor - Limited Term position is partially funded by a block grant offered by the Office of Emergency Services. The District Attorney's fiscal year 06/07 budget contains the anticipated revenue for this position, however, the term of the position needs to be extended from April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Funding is included in the approved fiscal year 05/06 budget.

The position is budgeted for salary and benefits of \$161,708 in fiscal year 2006-2007. Presuming the same level of OES funding for fiscal year 2006-2007 as fiscal year 2005-2006 of \$57,330, this would leave a County paid portion of \$104,378. However, there are strong indications of increased funding with the May revise.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	Elder abuse is a growing problem in Napa County. These cases are sensitive, complex, and time consuming. It takes an exceptional, trained prosecutor to carry these cases to conclusion with the minimum of trauma to elderly and dependant adult victims.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This is an on-going block grant, which should continue.
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. In addition, the Elder Abuse Unit would not have a vertical prosecutor and victims would suffer.
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 Elder and Dependant Adult Abuse Vertical Prosecution Grant was created three years ago to prosecute these sensitive cases from first filing through disposition to minimize the trauma for these impacted victims. During the first six months of the grant, March 2003 through September 2003, the total number of cases submitted to the unit was 20 (many of these cases were quite old). By the creation of the multi-component Elder and Dependant Adult Prevention Counsel, active outreach training classes, and the production and distribution of the Elder Abuse prevention guide current cases recognized, investigated and submitted to the District Attorney's office for prosecution increased to 31 between July 1 and December 31, 2005.

Recently, the Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested that the Napa County District Attorney do a presentation outlining the organization and operation of a "Successful" Vertical Prosecution Grant, which was recently presented by District Attorney Gary Lieberstein at the statewide OES mandatory training session in Sacramento. The Napa County District Attorney's Office was chosen for this presentation as OES has declared Napa to be the "role model" to be mirrored statewide.

Two years ago, five individual Office of Emergency Services grants for vertical prosecution were merged into one block grant. The Napa County District Attorney's Office receives funding for two of the five vertical grants, Elder and Dependant Adult Abuse and Statutory Rape. The Statutory Rape limited term vertical prosecution position's term is being extended with the proposed fiscal year 06/07 budget. The current action before you is to similarly extend the term of the DA-Elder Abuse Prosecutor position from April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Gratton