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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney
District Attorney
REPORT BY: Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215
SUBJECT: State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Contract

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests adoption of a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute an agreement with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for a maximum of \$131,085 for the term of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 to continue the criminal restitution program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the past nine years Napa County has entered into yearly contracts with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board in which the State of California provides the Napa County District Attorney's Office with funding to hire a paralegal to track victims of crime claims that were filed by victims with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. The current contract will cover two fiscal years at \$65,543 per year for FY 05/06 and FY 06/07.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	This revenue is included in the District Attorney's FY 05/06 requested budget and funds one position.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Victims of crime submit their costs to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB). This position aids the victims and the VCGCB in recovering these costs from the perpetrators of the crimes. This position is fully funded by VCGCB and is no cost to the County.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: This current contract is for two fiscal years, FY 05/06 and FY 06/07.

Consequences if not approved: The District Attorney's Office would lose a fully funded paralegal to aid the victims of crime in recovering their costs from the perpetrator of the crimes.

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 Napa District Attorney's Office was the first program to start in the State and has been so successful that Napa County is being used as a model throughout the State. In times of limited funding, when Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board contracts have been cut or discontinued in other counties, Napa County is recognized for its success by its continued full state funding. No General Fund money is used for this position.

In 2004, Napa County processed 258 claims recovering \$12,250 in fines and \$74,672 for victims costs. In the first quarter of 2005 Napa County processed 83 claims recovering \$15,650 in fines and \$35,579 for victims costs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . DA Resolution FY 05-06

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi