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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney  
District Attorney  
**REPORT BY:** Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215  
**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Gang Violence Suppression Multi-Component grant.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Gang Violence Suppression Multi-Component Program grant award for a maximum of \$431,750 for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Napa County has been awarded the Gang Violence Suppression grant for the last six years. FY 2007/2008 is the final year of a three year grant cycle. The grant funds positions in the District Attorney's Office and Probation Department in addition to gang violence suppression activities provided by other non-county agencies. The total allocation in FY 2007/2008 is \$431,750.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

Probation  
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: Over the past six years, Napa County has greatly benefited from the financial assistance of the Gang Violence Suppression Grant. During this time period, the County was awarded well over \$2 million in state funding for the prevention, intervention and suppression of gang violence. If this item is approved, Napa County will continue to receive funding to support its strong

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|                               | commitment towards the reduction and prevention of gang violence and reduce the impact of these efforts on the General Fund.   |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes  |
| Future fiscal impact:         | FY 2007/2008 is the final year of a three year grant cycle. Future appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.  |
| Consequences if not approved: | If this item is not approved, the County will not receive funds from the Gang Violence Suppression Grant.  |
| Additional Information:       | Funding in FY 2007/2008 will be \$431,750, the same as in FY 2006/2007. Proposition 172 Sales Tax increases and General Fund dollars have been included in the FY 2007/2008 Recommended Budgets to cover the salary and benefit increases of the Napa County positions associated with this grant. |

### **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 purpose of the Gang Violence Suppression Multi-Component Program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the community and divert potentially dangerous gang members and gang activity into more positive and constructive social behavior. An MOU has been created among eight agencies to enact this program in Napa County. The District Attorney's Office is the lead agency and distributes funds to the other participating agencies. This application is for the third year of a three-year grant cycle and addresses the following components:

1. **Prevention (community-based organization):** Aldea focuses programming on the prevention and intervention of potentially violent gang activity through communication and mediation with gang members in the community and by offering counseling and providing alternate activities.
2. **Education (County Office of Education):** NCOE focuses on the implementation of intervention services within the schools by utilizing gang experts to train students, school staff, and community members on the indicators of gang activity and appropriate responses. The main target of the in-school programs are grades 6 through 8.
3. **Law Enforcement :** This component focuses on improving specialized gang units within law enforcement agencies to assist with the identification, investigation, and apprehension of gang violence perpetrators. In addition, Calistoga Police Department and St. Helena Police Department are able to offer summer activity programs for "at risk" youth. The Napa Sheriff's Office and Napa Police Department attend specialized training. The grant provides overtime funding for assisting in probation searches and gang surveillance at community events throughout Napa County.
4. **Prosecution:** The District Attorney's Office focuses on the vertical prosecution of violent gang offenders by specialized prosecutors while protecting cooperating witnesses from intimidation or retribution by gang members or associates. The District Attorney's Office dedicates one Investigator and one Senior Account Clerk to this program.
5. **Probation:** The Probation component focuses on the intensive supervision of identified gang members on Probation in order to ensure the enforcement of their conditions of probation. The grant funds 90% of a Probation Officer I/II who concentrates their efforts and resources on individuals identified as gang members.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan