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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 authorization to prepare, execute, and submit to the Office of Emergency Services an application for the second year of the three year grant cycle, commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$431,750 for the second year, to address prevention, intervention and suppression of gang activity.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Napa has been fortunate to have been awarded this gang violence suppression grant for the last five years. This continuing application stresses our critical need to continue these efforts in the current three year funding 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

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The District Attorney's Office is the lead agency of the multi-agency grant application. Upon award the funding will be distributed as follows: District Attorney \$112,563; Probation \$73,312; Sheriff \$20,000; with the balance going to local police agencies, schools and non-profits. At the time the FY 06-07 budget was prepared estimated amounts were included in each departments' request. An in kind match requirement of 10% is a prerequisite of the grant. General fund contributions to this program above the match requirement are as follows: District Attorney \$81,546 and Probation \$5,614.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

**Discretionary Justification:** For the past five years, Napa County has greatly benefited through the financial assistance of the Gang Violence Suppression Grant. During this time period, our county was awarded over \$2 million in state funding for the prevention, intervention and suppression of gang violence.

The District Attorney's Office, as lead agency, coordinated countywide partnerships including the County Office of Education, the bilingual community non-profit Aldea, Probation Department and all law enforcement agencies.

Working closely together, this collaboration of County, City and private agencies have made Napa County a safer place to live and work.

Napa County needs to continue its strong commitment towards the reduction and prevention of gang violence. Securing new state grant funds for this purpose in the coming years will continue this commitment as well as reduce the impact of these efforts on the General Fund.

Included in the total project amount of \$431,751 for the second year: one DA Gang Investigator and one Sr. Account Clerk in the District Attorney's Office (total salary and benefits \$205,366, less grant reimbursable funding of \$112,563, less \$11,257 is in in-kind match, leaves a balance of \$81,546 for general fund), one Gang Probation Officer (total salary and benefits of \$86,257, less grant reimbursable funding of \$73,312, less in-kind match of \$7,331, leaves a balance of \$5,614 for general fund), overtime funding for the Sheriff's Department and development of an outreach program targeting middle schools (total of \$20,000, less match of \$3,000). The rest of the second year's grant funds will pass through the District Attorney's Office to fund non-county positions and activities in the Office of Education, Aldea, Napa Police Department, St. Helena Police Department, and Calistoga Police Department. All positions and activities will target gang prevention, intervention and suppression.

Any change in Net County Cost was included in the supplemental adjustment mentioned to the Board during budget hearings.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Current funding is based upon a three year grant cycle, with fiscal year 2006/2007 being the second year.

Consequences if not approved: The County could lose most, if not all, the gang targeted activity to repress gang violence that has been accomplished through the funds provided by this grant.

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 purpose of this 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. A MOU has been created among the participating agencies. Per agreement among the components, the District Attorney's Office is the lead agency, with funds being transferred on a reimbursement basis. This application is for the second of a three-year grant cycle.

1. Prevention (community-based organization) expansion of Aldea programs that focus 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) focuses on the implementation and 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 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 PD and St. Helena PD are able to offer summer activity programs for "at risk" youth. The Napa Sheriff's Office and Napa PD attend specialized training, additionally the grant provides overtime funding for assisting in probation searches and gang surveillance during Napa community events.
4. Prosecution 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 funds one gang investigator LT; and one Sr. Account Clerk LT.
5. 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 one Deputy Probation Officer I/II LT who concentrates their efforts and resources on individuals identified as gang members.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi