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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, STAFF SERVICES MANAGER - 253-4215
SUBJECT: Application and Acceptance of Elder Abuse grant

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Certification of Assurance of Compliance that authorizes the District Attorney to sign an Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program for an Elder Abuse Prevention Project grant award with the California Emergency Management Agency for a maximum of \$156,250 for the term October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This grant will fund one full time and one part time Victim Advocate to enhance services provided to elder and dependent adult crime victims. This is a five year grant with a maximum amount of \$156,250 for the term October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney - 22200
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 elder and dependent adults. This grant would fund one full time advocate and one part-time advocate to aid

elderly and adult dependant victims through the legal system and obtain services from available agencies. This grant fully funds the cost of the proposed services at no cost to the County General Fund.

Is the general fund affected?

No

Future fiscal impact:

This grant award has a five year funding cycle. Appropriations will be budgeted in future fiscal years. Any cost increases or funding decreases will result in a decrease in the level of service provided.

Consequences if not approved:

If this item is not approved, the District Attorney's Office will not be able to provide enhanced services to elderly and dependent adult crime victims.

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

On July 1, 2010 the Napa County District Attorney's Office opened a Victim Services Division. This unit had previously operated under the umbrella of the Volunteer Center of Napa Valley. This new division consists of a Manager and two Advocate II positions funded by a State Victim Witness grant. This grant would augment the Victims Services Program with one full time and one part time advocate solely for the purpose of assisting elderly and dependant adult crime victims. Under this grant, Victim Advocates would be able to assist elderly and dependent adults by linking them to County and State programs, aiding and guiding them through the legal system and assisting with the trauma recovery process. The Victim Services Division is fully funded with state and grant funds with no cost to the County General Fund.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan