

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 5/15/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Marie Absey 781-5821	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign an agreement with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) to receive \$215,196 from the State to continue providing verification of crime victim compensation claims for FY 2012-2013.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve, and direct the Chair to sign, a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, an agreement from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, between the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) and the County of San Luis Obispo, including any extensions and amendments thereof. The recommended action will enable the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center to receive \$215,196 in FY 2012-13 to offset the cost of assisting victims of crime in the verification of State reimbursement compensation for crime-related financial losses pursuant to Government Code Section §13954(c).			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State VCGCB	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$215,196.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$215,196.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>Annual</u>	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: District Attorney / Cindy Marie Absey
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DATE: 5/15/2012

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DISCUSSION

The District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Program is authorized and mandated by Penal Code Section §13835 et seq. to assist crime victims with claim applications for reimbursement of crime-related financial losses by the state Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. In addition, since 1989, the Victim/Witness Assistance Center has contracted with the state to provide verification of crime compensation claims as provided by Government Code Section §13954(c). The local verification of state compensation claims streamlines the claim verification service, thereby reducing claim processing time and expediting claim payments for crime victims and service providers.

On June 9, 2009, your Board adopted a resolution that authorized an agreement between the State and the County from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. This request, upon Board approval, will replace the existing agreement with a new agreement from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015 for victim compensation claims verification services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Administrative Office and County Counsel have reviewed the agreement and resolution. County Counsel has approved the agreement and resolution for form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under the terms of the current contract, \$645,588 is available from the State for FY 2012-2015, or \$215,196 per year. This amount is the same as last year's allocation from the State. There are no matching funds required. The contract will

continue to reimburse salaries and benefits for claims verification staff, and a portion of the Victim/Witness Director's salary.

RESULTS

Approval of this resolution and agreement with the state Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board will allow the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Division to work with the state to process 100% of victim compensation claims for state reimbursement of crime-related financial losses within 90 days of receiving an application. As an ongoing performance measure, Victim/Witness tracks the percentage of crime victim compensation claims verified by the Victim/Witness Claims Unit that are also approved by the State for payment. This is consistent with the Victim/Witness Assistance Division goal to reduce the effects of crime on victims, family members and the community. Based on data provided by the VCGCB, during FY 2010-2011 the Victim/Witness Claims Unit received 637 claims and processed 662 claims, for a total of \$1,006,155 in payment awards to victims and service providers. This production was very similar to last year's figures, but may be reduced this year due to the extended medical leave of a key claims verification employee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Standard Agreement (VCGCB VCP Contract)
2. Resolution (Authorizing the DA to sign)