

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

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 10/22/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Marie Absey 781-5822	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the District Attorney to sign a grant renewal agreement (Clerk's File) in the amount of \$125,000, on the Board's behalf, with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the continuing administration of an Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program serving elder victims of crime for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board authorize the District Attorney to sign, on its behalf, a renewal grant agreement with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for grant funding of \$125,000 for the continuing administration of an Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program serving elder victims of crime for FY 2013-14.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal and General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000 (Grant) <u>\$ 31,250 (Co. Match)</u> \$ 156,250 (Total)	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000 (Grant)+ \$31,250 (Co.) = \$156,250	(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 type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>9/18/12</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

The primary goal of the Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program is to improve the safety of unserved/underserved victim populations in California by establishing victim advocate positions dedicated to the special identified population. In addition, the UV is designed to improve coordination of crisis and support services among local agencies and groups for an enhanced response to the special identified victim group (i.e., elder victims of crime) and implement an awareness program for that specific population.

From 1999 to 2010, the District Attorney's Office received Cal OES funding for an Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EA). In 2010, the County applied for and received funding through a Cal OES Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program to continue the District Attorney's elder abuse project with specialized advocate services for elder victims of crime. The UV projects are eligible for continuation funding for up to 5 years, and this request for funding is for the fourth year of a five year cycle. For the first two years of the grant cycle, \$125,000 in funding was available and awarded, with a \$31,250 County match. For the third year (FY 2012-13), \$116,420 was available, with a County match requirement of \$29,105 for a total project of \$145,525. This year, the funds available are again \$125,000, with a \$31,250 County match requirement. The grant will fund two full-time Victim/Witness Assistance Coordinators with partial benefits used for the match.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement for form and legal effect. Numerous public and private agencies and groups have entered into operational agreements with the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Division to collaborate with Project staff on programs and activities.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Under the terms of this 12-month grant commencing October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, \$125,000 in federal funding is available from the state, not including the County's required match of \$31,250 for a project total of \$156,250. Continuation funding will be available for an additional year, subject to certain restrictions. The match is a cash match in

the form of salary expenditures for personnel (Victim/Witness Assistance Coordinator II benefits), which are fully budgeted in the current year. The District Attorney's approved budget for FY 2013-14 includes \$116,420 in federal revenue, which is slightly lower than the level of funding available this year.

## **RESULTS**

From October 1, 2012 through September 4, 2013, 337 senior victims of crime, including 159 elder abuse victims, received crisis and support services from the UV Project. This is on target to meet the grant objectives. Of the crime victims served during this grant cycle, 95% of elder victims in crimes against person cases charged by the District Attorney were contacted within 4 business days of referral to Victim/Witness, exceeding the overall target for the Victim/Witness Division, as well as the grant objective. Empirical research indicates that prompt assistance to victims reduces the negative effects of crime, so this data helps measure our performance relative to County Goal #1, "to reduce the effects of crime on victims, family members, and the community", and to provide a community-wide result link, "a safe community; a well-governed community".

For the grant period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, we have again set a target of 250 new victims and will be co-assigning staff and volunteers with diverse experience to increase our options for assignment to this special Project and increase our competitiveness for future funding.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1: Grant Award Facesheet (and Request for Application) for FY 2013-14