

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

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 8/26/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Debra Vallely 781-5821	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the District Attorney to sign a FY 2014-15 renewal grant agreement with the California Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$125,000 for the continuing administration of an Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach Program serving elders, dependent adults and victims with disabilities. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board authorize the District Attorney to sign, on its behalf, a renewal grant agreement (Clerk's File) 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 elders, dependent adults and victims with disabilities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal and General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000.00 (Grant) <u>\$ 31,250.00</u> (County Share) \$156,250.00 (Total)	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000.00 (Grant) <u>\$ 31,250.00</u> (County Share) \$156,250.00 (Total)	(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 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>10/15/2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gerald T. Shea, District Attorney

DATE: 8/26/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The primary goal of the Unserved/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, dependent adult and victims with disabilities) and implement an awareness program for that specific population.

For 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 services for elder victims of crime. In 2013, the program was modified to include crime victims with disabilities.

The UV projects are eligible for continuation funding for up to 5 years, and this request for funding is for the fifth 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 the fourth year (FY 2013-14) \$125,000 was available, with a County match requirement of \$31,250. 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.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under the terms of this 12-month grant commencing October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, \$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.

RESULTS

For the first half of the grant year, we assisted 229 victims of crime with crisis and support services. This includes 198 elder abuse victims, 10 dependent adults and 21 crime victims with disabilities. In addition, 16 outreach and awareness presentations were conducted with 1,025 attendees. Of the crime victims served during this grant cycle, 95% of underserved victims in crimes against person cases charged by the District Attorney were contacted within 3 – 5 business days of referral to Victim/Witness.

For the grant period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, we have set a target of 300 new victims (250 elder victims and 50 victims with disabilities) 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 fund.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Grant Award Request for application FY 2014-2015 (Clerk's Filed)