

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

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 5/17/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Diana McPartlan 805-781-4112	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Division to apply for the FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Victim Services (XC) Program grant totaling \$336,874 to address and fill victim services gaps and needs as identified by the Victim Services Steering Committee. All Districts			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a request for the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Division to apply for the FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Victim Services (XC) Program grant to address and fill victim services gaps and needs as identified by the Victim Services Steering Committee.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State grant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT FY 16-17 \$210,546 FY 17-18 \$210,546	(9) BUDGETED? No
(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"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

On March 1, 2016, CalOES released a County Victim Services (XC) Program Request for Application to provide one-time federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to each of California's 58 counties and the City of Los Angeles to help each fill victim services gaps/needs.

VOCA funding eligible to San Luis Obispo County Victim/Witness Division under the XC Program consists of \$336,874, with a match requirement of \$84,219, for a 24-month performance period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018. The Match will be in-kind and utilized by providing volunteer interns, and administrative costs from contracting agencies.

Eligibility criteria required the pre-application assemblage of a "Victim Services Steering Committee" (VSSC), consisting of county-wide victim services providers and community based organizations to identify victim services gaps/needs in our jurisdiction. The VSSC was additionally tasked with collectively establishing a plan, to include measurable objectives, in which to address the identified victim services gaps/needs, keeping in mind that funding for the Program is limited to a two-year period.

Such a committee was formed and over 1,000 non-profit organizations offering a variety of services in San Luis Obispo County were identified. With awarded grant funds, the San Luis Obispo County Victim/Witness Division will subaward to Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) and LINK Family Resource Center; the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education; and United Way of San Luis Obispo to hire Victim Resource Specialists (VRS). In a collaborative manner, these specialists will gather all referral lists countywide and work closely with United Way to provide continual updated information to United Way's 2-1-1 Resource Guide, a guide which connects individuals and families with information and community resources. Victim Resource Specialists will also be personally available to meet with victims regarding resource referral. United Way's 2-1-1 is currently collaborating with the Central Coast Freedom Coalition to gather and input all referral information onto a phone application called "Grace City" which will be the long-term sustainability portion of the plan as required by XC Program grant guidelines.

With subawarded funds, CAPSLO will hire one .50 FTE Victim Resource Specialist to be housed at the LINK to provide agency presentations and perform information gathering in North County. CAPSLO will also hire one .875 FTE Victim

Resource Specialist to work within the District Attorney’s Victim/Witness Division, alongside Cal Poly State University interns, to provide referral assistance and information gathering with San Luis Obispo and South County agencies. As the Victim/Witness Division has an existing formal internship program in collaboration with Cal Poly, student intern hours will be used for in-kind matching funds. The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education will hire one .50 FTE Victim Resource Specialist to provide victim information to all school staff, as well as gather resource information from all educational facilities countywide. United Way of San Luis Obispo will hire one .50 FTE Victim Resource Specialist to enter all data collected for entry into the 2-1-1 Resource Guide and “Grace City” application

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The District Attorney’s Office has coordinated with “Respect. Inspire. Support. Empower” (RISE), Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO), San Luis Obispo Women’s Shelter, San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Agency, Dignity Health French Hospital Medical Center, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Central Coast Freedom Network, Transitions Mental Health, Long Term Care Ombudsman, San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office, and United Way of San Luis Obispo.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Two year non-competitive program funding is available to the County of San Luis Obispo in the amount of \$336,874, along with a County Match requirement of \$84,219, for a total of \$421,093. The grant Match Requirement will be met with in-kind resources by means of Cal Poly State University intern hours that are volunteered in exchange for college credit. The Grant subaward funding will be distributed amongst grant participants in the following manner:

<b>Grant Participant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
CAPSLO and LINK	\$169,492	Victim Resource Specialist Salary & Benefits
United Way of San Luis Obispo	\$84,052	Victim Resource Specialist Salary & Benefits
SLO County Office of Education	\$37,500	Victim Resource Specialist Salary & Benefits
SLO County Victim/Witness	\$33,187	Grant Administration
Various, as necessary	\$12,643	Program-related expenses
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$336,874</b>	

Funding distributed to the County of San Luis Obispo Victim/Witness Division will be for grant management administration costs, including the hosting of monthly Victim Resource Specialist meetings and overseeing the student intern program and Victim Resource Specialist assigned to the Victim/Witness Division.

**RESULTS**

Approval of grant submission for the FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Victim Services (XC) Program will allow the Victim Services Steering Committee (VSSC) to act upon the county-wide coordination of victims services resources. Through the efforts of hired Victim Resource Specialists, there will be a continual flow of updated information to United Way’s 2-1-1 Resource Directory and the “Grace City” phone application. As such, greater communication of available resources will ensure that victims in need experience less frustration and a greater breadth of comprehensive assistance.