



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

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 11/5/2019	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Diana Stroub 805.781.5821	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center to apply, accept and continue two Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program grants for a total of \$149,536 each, to serve both the elder and crime victims with disabilities populations for the grant period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and delegate authority to the District Attorney to sign the two grant agreements between the County of San Luis Obispo and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) including any extension or amendment thereof. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorize the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center to apply, accept and continue two Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program grants for a total of \$149,536 each, to serve both the elder and crime victims with disabilities populations for the grant period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and</li> <li>2. Delegate authority to the District Attorney to sign the two grant agreements between the County of San Luis Obispo and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) including any extension or amendment thereof.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Cal OES Federal Funds	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>11/14/17</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Kristin Eriksson			

(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)

All Districts



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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board:

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### **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the Christopher G. Money Victim Witness Assistance Center is to reduce the trauma and insensitive treatment that victims and witnesses may experience following a crime by providing crisis and support services to all types of victims. Victim Witness Assistance Center activities and services are mandated by and outlined in Penal Code Section §13835.5.

The primary goal of the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (XV) Program is to improve the safety of unserved/underserved victim populations in California by establishing victim advocate positions dedicated to serve only this specially identified population. In addition, the (XV) Program is designed to improve coordination of crisis and support services among local agencies and groups for an enhanced response to the specially identified victim

group (i.e., elder victims of crime and crime victims with disabilities) and implement an awareness program for those specific populations.

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. In FY 2013-14, the crime victims with disabilities population was added to the grant to receive specialized advocate services.

The District Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Division continued to receive funding until March 31, 2016 at which time the existing grant term expired and new funding became available under a competitive process. Two competitive grants were applied for, one to serve elder victims and one to serve crime victims with disabilities. In both programs the Advocates provide crisis and support services by walking the victims through the Criminal Justice process, providing emergency services, explaining their rights under the Victim’s Bill of Rights or “Marsy’s Law”, helping them obtain restitution orders, case status, court escort, preparing victim impact statements, etc. Advocates also conduct community presentations, increasing awareness of the resources available. Both grants were initially awarded on April 29, 2016 and have now been extended to December 31, 2019. On August 30, 2019 Cal OES released a non-competitive request for application for an additional extension, which will total \$149,536 each with a \$37,384 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) match per grant.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Operational agreements (OA) with local law enforcement and victim service partners that participate with the Program are in place, as required by the grant.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

One calendar year VOCA program funding is available to the County of San Luis Obispo for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$149,536 for each grant (Unserved/Underserved Elder XV and Crime Victims Disability XV), along with a County match requirement of \$37,384 for each grant. The current FY 2019-20 budget already reflects a 12-month period of funding at \$149,536 per grant, as well as the proportionate expenditures, which aligns with the new and continued grant awarded amount; therefore, no budget augmentation is required.

	Billable Amount	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	TOTAL Project Cost
Annual Award – Unserved/Underserved Elder XV Grant	\$149,536	\$37,384	n/a	\$186,920
Annual Award – Crime Victims Disabilities XV Grant	\$149,536	\$37,384	n/a	\$186,920

These funds support 2.00 FTE Victim Witness Assistance Coordinator positions to provide specialized advocate services for each program. Furthermore, grant management is funded by claiming some administrative salaries. The remaining funds will be utilized to pay for professional services necessary for staff and community training, as well as to cover travel expenses, all of which are already built into the FY 2019-20 budget.

The County's required cash match of \$37,384 per grant will be met through direct supervision by one Assistant Director. Receipt of these grants will have no impact on the General Fund.

## **RESULTS**

- Enhance the safety of elder and crime victims with disabilities in San Luis Obispo County by maintaining two advocate positions solely dedicated to these populations, as well as other staff, and volunteer support of the XV Grants;
- Coordinate direct services for elder and crime victims with disabilities in an enhanced response to victimization of crimes among locally involved agencies; and
- Implement outreach awareness programs to San Luis Obispo County seniors, victims with disabilities and their families and conduct training with first responders and support agencies on elder and crime victims with disabilities abuse identification and reporting.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Cal OES Crime Victims with Disabilities- Subaward: XV15 A1 0400
- 2 Cal OES Elder- Subaward: XV15 01 0400