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COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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District Attorney

February 27, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for and accept the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Emerging Family Justice Center Grant

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the District Attorney's Office to Apply for and accept the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Emerging Family Justice Center (FE) Grant (Exhibit 1), Subject to Review and Approval by the County Executive Officer and County Counsel

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation. If awarded the grant, the District Attorney will return to the Board for the necessary accounting adjustments and appropriations.

Strategic Plan:

This item promotes the County's Strategic Plan priorities of community safety and

fiscal responsibility by seeking external funding to provide comprehensive services to victims of crime in Ventura County.

Discussion:

Recognizing the effectiveness of the Family Justice Center (FJC) model in providing comprehensive services to victims of crime, this year the OES established a new grant program – the Emerging Family Justice Center (FE) Program. (See Exhibit 1 – Request for Proposal) The purpose of the grant is to assist in the establishment of new or emerging FJCs.

The District Attorney's Office intends to apply for the new grant to help expand our existing FJC system into the East County area of Ventura County. The OES requires applicants to have approval of their governing board before applying for the grant. The grant will fund successful applicants up to \$220,000 for equipment, facilities, and personnel, between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2026. No funding match is required. Because the application deadline is March 5, 2024, there is insufficient time to complete the application and present it to your Board before the application deadline.

We request that your Board authorize the District Attorney's Office to apply for and accept the grant, subject to review and approval of the County Executive Officer and County Counsel. If our application is selected for an award, we will return for any necessary accounting adjustments. Planning efforts for the East County FJC are underway and we will report back to your Board at a later time.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Chief Deputy District Attorney Mike Jump at 652-7632 or Special Assistant District Attorney Chuck Hughes at 477-1635.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Grant Request for Proposal

**cc: Sevet Johnson, PsyD., County Executive Officer
 Jeffery S. Burgh, Auditor-Controller**