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September 12, 2023

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

Subject: Approve a Funding and Use Agreement Authorizing Ventura County to Accept a \$2,000,000 Contribution from the City of Oxnard Related Exclusively to Acquisition Costs for Real Property Located at 545 - 555 South A Street in Oxnard, set to be Occupied by the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office for use by its Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center; Authorize the designee of the County Executive Office to Approve and Execute Minor Amendments to this Agreement, Approve Budget Adjustments associated with this Agreement; (Supervisory District 5) (Recommendation #3 requires 4/5ths vote)

Recommendations:

1. Approve the attached Funding and Use Agreement (Agreement) authorizing Ventura County (County) to accept a \$2,000,000 contribution from the City of Oxnard (City) related exclusively to acquisition costs for Real Property (Property) located at 545 - 555 South A Street in Oxnard, to be occupied by the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office (VCDA) for use by its Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center (FJC).
2. Authorize the designee of the County Executive Office (CEO) to approve and execute minor amendments to this agreement, so long as the amendment is reviewed and approved by County Counsel.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to revise appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows (Requires 4/5ths vote)

INCREASE 2100	Oxnard Family Justice Center (4248)	\$	2,000,000
INCREASE 2100	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$	2,000,000

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: City of Oxnard
 Funding Match Required: No
 Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	FY 2023-24	FY2024-25
Revenues:	\$2,000,000	\$0
Costs:		
Direct	\$2,000,000	\$0
Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
Total Cost	\$2,000,000	\$0
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for District Attorney Division 2100				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$66,310,800	\$72,686,914	\$72,686,914	\$0
Revenue	\$21,613,045	\$21,613,045	\$21,613,045	\$0
Net Cost	\$44,697,755	\$51,073,869	\$51,073,869	\$0

Discussion:

On June 6, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the purchase of a property located at 545 - 555 South A Street in Oxnard designated for the establishment of a Family Justice Center. On July 25, 2023, your Board approved naming the Property the "Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center," in honor of former County Supervisor and Board Chair, Carmen Ramirez. The total project costs are estimated at \$10 million. This includes \$4.1M to acquire and a \$5.9M estimate to complete the necessary improvements for the FJC.

The FJC will provide programs and services to those impacted by family violence and trauma. This work will be accomplished in collaboration with County agencies, community-based organizations, and volunteers. Given the community benefits of the FJC, the County and City have partnered to contribute towards the Property's acquisition costs. The County purchased the Property for \$4.1 million in June 2023. The City has agreed to contribute \$2,000,000 to the County to offset acquisition costs.

Key provisions under the Funding and Use Agreement include:

- The County will provide a dedicated space for Oxnard Police Department.
- The City can house its relevant programs within the Property rent-free as long as the building is used as an FJC

- The City shall receive 20 percent of the potential sale proceeds should the property be sold by the County during the agreement's 20-year term and the City is not provided equivalent space in a new FJC facility

The VCDA's Office will manage the FJC in partnership with County agencies, the City, and local nonprofit groups. The City will have access to a maximum of 8 rooms for various FJC-related uses without cost (this includes public safety units such as family protection, domestic violence investigations, crimes against children, and sexual assault investigations).

This letter and the Funding and Use Agreement have been reviewed by the CEO, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding fiscal or discussion portions of this letter, please contact Senior Deputy Executive Officer Scott Powers at 805-677-8761.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sevet Johnson".

Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer

Attachment:
Funding and Use Agreement