



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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District Attorney

June 27, 2023

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

Re: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the District Attorney to Continue to Accept Funds and to Execute a Standard Agreement and any Extensions or Amendments Thereof in the Amount of \$224,949 for fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026, with the California Victim Compensation Board to Ensure Restitution Orders are Properly Administered in Accordance with Applicable Statutes

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your board adopt the attached resolution, required by the State, authorizing the District Attorney to continue to accept State funds and to execute a standard agreement in the amount of \$224,949 to ensure restitution fines and orders are properly administered in accordance with applicable statutes for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	California Victim Compensation Board
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24 (Estimated)</u>
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 74,983
Costs:		
Direct:	\$ 0	\$ 74,983
Indirect:	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net County Cost Including Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recoverable Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0

Sufficient appropriations were included in the FY 2023-2024 Projected Budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Current FY 2022-2023 Budget Projection for DAO – Division 2100 – Unit 2103:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/Savings
Appropriations	\$43,458,297	\$48,511,049	\$45,307,487	\$3,203,562
Revenue	\$9,224,713	\$32,139,624	\$10,115,159	(\$22,024,465)
Net Cost	\$34,233,584	\$16,371,425	\$35,192,328	(\$18,820,903)

DISCUSSION:

The California Victim Compensation Board has funded a victim restitution specialist in the District Attorney’s Office since 1999. The specialist works closely with our victim advocates to prepare crime victims’ applications to the Victim Compensation Board for reimbursement of expenses directly related to their victimization. This coordination results in more efficient, accurate and expedited service to the crime victim.

Once a crime victim’s claim is submitted to the State, the restitution specialist tracks the case through the judicial system to ensure the assigned attorney, probation officer, and the court are aware of all costs that should be included in a final restitution order.

This program has been quite successful, with the restitution specialist assisting prosecutors, the courts, Probation, and most importantly, the victims we serve. I encourage your Board's ongoing support of this continued funding, which will provide a total of \$224,949, representing salary and benefits for approximately three-fourths of one paralegal position (\$74,983) for each of fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

Funding for this program is included in the FY23-24 preliminary budget. This is an ongoing grant and has been included on the list of recurring grants for the fiscal year; however, consistent with past years, the Victim Compensation Board requested a certified copy of a Board Resolution specifically authorizing the District Attorney to accept the funds and to execute the Victim Compensation Board’s Standard Agreement.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Nasarenko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ERIK NASARENKO
District Attorney

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Attachments:

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors
Exhibit 1: Standard Agreement S23-039

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