



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Establishing a Fixed-term District Attorney Investigator position for the period of September 12, 2023, to June 30, 2025, to be funded by the AB178 Firearms Relinquishment Grant.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Adopt a Resolution establishing a fixed-term District Attorney Investigator II position for the period of September 12, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

Job Code	Description	Business Unit	Dept. (Unit)	FTE	Compensation Frequency	Annual Range
00650	District Attorney Investigator II	DAVC	2103	1.0	Hourly	\$109,173 to \$153,057

Fiscal Mandates/Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on other Departments:	No additional impact
Source of Funding:	Judicial Council of California through the Ventura Superior Court

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:	<u>FY2023/24</u>	<u>FY2024/25</u>
Revenue:	\$ 173,758	\$ 243,262
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 173,758	\$ 243,262
Indirect-Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 173,758	\$ 243,262
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

Current FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget for DAO – Division 2100 – Unit 2103				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$45,697,950	\$45,697,950	\$45,697,950	\$0
Revenue	\$10,269,303	\$10,269,303	\$10,269,303	\$0
Net Cost	\$35,428,647	\$35,428,647	\$35,428,647	\$0

Grant Application:

The Ventura County Superior Court applied for and received grant funding under the California AB178 Firearms Relinquishment Grant administered by the Judicial Council of California. The District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation is a program partner and funding subrecipient. Acceptance of the grant funding was authorized by the Board of Supervisors as part of the adopted annual budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Discussion:

The California Budget Act of 2022, Assembly Bill 178, provided grant funds to California Superior Courts to support court-based firearm relinquishment programs. The programs promote consistent and safe removal of firearms from individuals who become prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and ammunition pursuant to a court order. The Ventura County Superior Court was awarded \$1,668,468 in grant funds. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit 1), the grant budget provides \$925,074 for the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation to recover firearms from prohibited persons.

The MOU provides salary and benefits for a full-time, fixed-term District Attorney Investigator, as well as overtime, for relinquishment investigations from February 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The District Attorney Investigator will assist with voluntary court order compliance by accepting surrendered firearms and ammunition; will investigate failures to comply with surrender orders; and will remove firearms and ammunition when necessary.

The District Attorney's Office will partner with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, which operates the Gun Violence Reduction Program, to investigate individuals that have been prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. The Sheriff's Office Gun Violence Reduction Program has been funded through a separate grant approved by this Board. The multi-agency partnership will enhance the success of both grants.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Investigator Cloyce Conway at (805) 477-1648.

Sincerely,



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Attachment(s):

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors
Exhibit 1- Memorandum of Understanding

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