



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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District Attorney

September 26, 2023

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

Re: Ratification of the District Attorney's Office's Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program for the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center; Ratification of the District Attorney's Office's Acceptance of Grant Funds from OVC in the Amount of \$640,000, Effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025; and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the OVC Award Instrument by the District Attorney or His Designee.
(Recommendation No. 4 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify the District Attorney's Office's Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program for the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center
2. Ratify the District Attorney's Office's acceptance of Grant Funds from OVC in the Amount of \$640,000, Effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the OVC Award Instrument by the District Attorney or His Designee

4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting adjustments for the following appropriations and revenue (4/5ths vote required):

Increase 2100 – 2103 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$640,000
Increase 2100 – 2103 Salaries & Benefits	\$627,742
Increase 2100 – 2103 Services & Supplies	\$ 12,258

FISCAL/MANDATE IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
Funding Match Required:	\$0
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2023/24</u>	<u>FY 2024/25 (Estimated)</u>
Revenue:	\$160,000	\$480,000
Costs:		
Direct:	\$160,000	\$480,000
Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs:	\$160,000	\$160,000
Net County Cost Including Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0

CURRENT FY BUDGET PROJECTIONS:

Current FY 2023/2024 Budget for DAO/2103:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/(Savings)
Appropriations	\$45,697,950	\$50,277,672	\$50,277,672	\$0
Revenue	\$10,269,303	\$10,968,087	\$10,968,087	\$0
Net Cost	\$35,428,647	\$39,309,585	\$39,309,585	\$0

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

We were unable to obtain your Board's approval of the District Attorney's Office's application for the OVC – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program due to short application timelines, the lengthy approval process, and short acceptance timelines. The application was submitted prior to the deadline and is attached as Exhibit 1. The Award Instrument is attached as Exhibit 2.

DISCUSSION:

The District Attorney's Office opened the first Family Justice Center (FJC) in Ventura County in 2019, in the City of Ventura, serving about 2,500 victims of crime per year with wrap around services.

Recognizing the need for services in the City of Oxnard, at your June 6, 2023, meeting, your Board unanimously approved the purchase of the building located at 545-555 South A Street in Oxnard for the purpose of establishing a second FJC in our County. At your July 25, 2023, meeting, in memory of Carmen Ramirez' exemplary legacy of leadership, integrity, and service to the residents of Ventura County, your Board unanimously approved naming the FJC in Oxnard the "Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center."

The Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program provides successful applicants with funding to support worthy projects in local communities. The awarded Byrne Community Project funds will help meet the staffing and equipment needs for the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center, increasing the accessibility of victim services to residents of the greater Oxnard area.

We request that your Board ratify the District Attorney's Office's application to the OVC and acceptance of the grant funds and adopt the attached resolution authorizing execution of the Award Instrument. The grant funds of \$640,000 for the period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, will be used to fund Victim Advocates, other staff, and equipment for the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center. No funding match is required.

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

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contact Michael Jump, Director, Victim Services and Community Outreach at 654-2331.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Resolution
Exhibit 1 – Grant Application
Exhibit 2 – Award Instrument

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