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March 19, 2019

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

Re: Approval of, and Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to Accept, a \$10,000 Stipend from Camp HOPE America; and Approval of, and Authorization for the District Attorney to Execute, the Camp HOPE America Affiliate Participation Agreement and Readiness Grantee Memorandum of Understanding.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve and authorize the District Attorney's Office to accept a \$10,000 stipend from Camp HOPE America.
2. Approve and authorize the District Attorney or his or her designee to execute the Camp HOPE America Affiliate Participation Agreement and Readiness Grantee Memorandum of Understanding.

## FISCAL/MANDATE IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Camp HOPE America
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	No Additional Impact

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2018/19</u>	<u>FY 2019/20 (Estimated)</u>
Revenue:	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Costs:		
Direct:	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Indirect:	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs:	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Net County Cost Including Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recoverable Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0

The District Attorney's Office will request a transfer from the Victim Escheatment Fund to the General Fund for any costs related to attendance of Camp HOPE that exceed the \$10,000 stipend.

CURRENT BUDGET PROJECTIONS:

Current FY 2018/2019 Budget Projection for DAO/2103 as of December 31, 2018:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/(Savings)
Appropriations	\$37,210,977	\$38,882,258	\$38,164,358	(\$717,900)
Revenue	\$7,880,883	\$8,517,883	\$8,496,245	\$21,638
Net Cost	\$29,330,094	\$30,364,375	\$29,668,113	(\$696,262)

Sufficient appropriations have been included in the Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Ventura County Family Justice Center integrates government services, non-profit organizations, local law enforcement, civil legal assistance, and other victim advocacy services at one location to stabilize victims and provide them and their children with the tools they need to break the cycle of victimization and criminality. An integral part of breaking the cycle of violence includes programs that focus on the children who have suffered physical abuse or witnessed abusive relationships.

Since 2015, the District Attorney's Office has participated in Camp HOPE America – California by inviting local youth who have witnessed or experienced abuse to a week-

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long, fun-filled camp. In addition to fun activities that may have been out of reach for many families, the camp incorporates trauma-informed counseling, social integration, mentoring, and self-esteem building activities. The District Attorney's Office invites approximately two dozen youth to participate. Camp costs have been historically paid for using the Victim Escheatment Fund and donations. Staffing requirements are met with student volunteers and employees of the District Attorney's Office's Crime Victims' Assistance Program. The Affiliate Participation Agreement (Exhibit 1) allows the Ventura County attendees to use Camp HOPE America facilities and identifies logistics and attendance requirements for the District Attorney's Office that will ensure successful camp experiences.

Camp HOPE America, by way of financial support from Verizon, is offering the District Attorney's Office a \$10,000 stipend to defray the costs of camp for 2019 campers. The award will allow two employees to attend the national curriculum for Camp HOPE America and otherwise help offset camp registration costs and program expenses. The District Attorney requests your Board's approval to continue its participation in Camp HOPE America – California and accept the \$10,000 stipend. The Readiness Grantee Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit 2) obligates the District Attorney's Office to attend camp with up to 24 attendees and engage in preparation activities to increase continuity and coordination with Camp HOPE America.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office and Auditor-Controller's Office. Questions regarding this item may be directed to Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services Stuart Gardner at 477-1635 or Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Jump at 654-2331.

Very truly yours,



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District Attorney

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Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Affiliate Participation Agreement  
Exhibit 2 – Readiness Grantee Memorandum of Understanding

cc: Michael Powers, County Executive Officer  
Jeffery S. Burgh, Auditor-Controller