



# OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ERIK NASARENKO**  
District Attorney

October 11, 2022

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

Re: Approve the District Attorney's Acceptance of the Family Justice Center Program Grant (Oxnard location) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024 Offered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; Approval of a Resolution Establishing Fixed-Term Positions in the District Attorney's Office effective October 11, 2022, through March 31, 2024; and Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions to Increase Appropriations and Revenue for Unit 2103. (RECOMMENDATION 3 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE)

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve the District Attorney's acceptance of the Family Justice Center Program Grant (Oxnard location) offered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$1,000,000.
2. Approve of a resolution establishing the following fixed-term positions in the District Attorney's Office effective October 11, 2022, through March 31, 2024.

Class Code	Classification Title	Business Unit	Dept	FTE	Compensation Frequency	Range
00030	Administrative Assistant I	DAOVC	2103	1.0	Hourly	\$23.071555 to \$32.279632
00586	Victim Advocate III	DAOVC	2103	2.0	Hourly	\$21.402198 to \$30.097005

3. 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	\$1,000,000
Increase 2100 – 2103 Salaries & Benefits	\$500,765
Increase 2100 – 2103 Services & Supplies	\$499,235

FISCAL/MANDATE IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Funding Match Required:	\$0
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2022/23</u>	<u>FY 2023/24</u> (Estimated)
Revenue:	\$571,429	\$ 428,571
Costs:		
Direct:	\$571,429	\$ 428,571
Indirect:	\$ Minimal	\$ Minimal
Total Costs:	\$571,429	\$ 428,571
Net County Cost Including Indirect:	\$ 0	\$ 0

CURRENT FY BUDGET PROJECTIONS:

Current FY 2022/2023 Budget Projection for DAO/2103 as of July 1, 2022:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/(Savings)
Appropriations	\$43,458,297	\$43,458,297	\$43,458,297	\$0
Revenue	\$9,224,713	\$9,224,713	\$9,224,713	\$0
Net Cost	\$34,233,584	\$34,233,584	\$34,233,584	\$0

DISCUSSION:

The District Attorney's Office has been designated as the major provider of comprehensive services to crime victims in Ventura County since 1979. This has enabled our county to receive grant funding through the State of California's Office of Emergency Services for a variety of programs designed to improve services and outcomes for victims of crime.

Opening on November 12, 2019, 15 agencies began sharing space and offering rotating onsite office hours, making referrals, and providing a more integrated network of services coordinated by navigators for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking within the Ventura County Family Justice Center, located in the City of Ventura. For the first time, victims began to have access to the services provided by more than 15 onsite agencies. In addition, commitments from additional off-site agencies and community-based organizations were formed with RAIN Transitional Living Center, Gabriel's House, and many others to streamline referrals for temporary housing needs, and with the Ventura County Health Care Agency to provide referrals directly from a network of emergency rooms and trauma centers, and the Ventura County Behavioral Health Agency for counseling and mental health services to adults and children.

While this was a positive step toward providing better access to victims residing throughout Ventura County, the geographic distance of other cities within the County and the FJC in the City of Ventura has been a barrier to access for underrepresented victims, particularly farmworkers and indigenous Central and South American populations working in the County's \$2 billion dollar a year agricultural industry.

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The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services is offering to award a Family Justice Center Program Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024, that will help establish a Family Justice Center in the City of Oxnard. This will bring the current FJCs multiple partnerships and services under one roof in Oxnard allowing the large, underserved population of victims residing there unprecedented access to services exponentially multiplying the options that were heretofore theoretically available but not practically accessible at the FJC in the City of Ventura.

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 contact Michael Jump, Director, Victim Services and Community Outreach at (805) 654-2331.

Sincerely,



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District Attorney

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Attachments:

Resolution  
Exhibit 1 - Grant Agreement

cc: Sevet Johnson, PsyD., County Executive Officer  
Jeffery S. Burgh, Auditor-Controller  
Shawn Atin, Assistant County Executive Officer/Human Resources Director