



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 (Ventura location) in the amount of \$338,918 for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024 Offered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES); 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 (Ventura location) offered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$338,918.
2. Adopt the proposed 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
00585	Victim Advocate II	DAOVC	2103	1.0	Hourly	\$19.194247 to \$26.917342
01323	Legal Processing Assistant III	DAOVC	2103	1.0	Hourly	\$20.740614 to \$29.020125

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	\$338,918
Increase 2100 – 2103 Salaries & Benefits	\$328,425
Increase 2100 – 2103 Services & Supplies	\$10,493

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 (Estimated)</u>
Revenue:	\$193,667	\$ 145,251
Costs:		
Direct:	\$193,667	\$145,251
Indirect:	\$Minimal	\$Minimal
Total Costs:	\$193,667	\$145,251
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 ("DAO") 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 ("CalOES") for a variety of programs designed to improve services and outcomes for victims of crime.

In 2019, the DAO was awarded the CalOES Emerging Family Justice Center grant. With that grant, the Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) was established to better serve the victims of interpersonal violence by providing comprehensive, wrap-around services under one roof utilizing trauma-informed, whole-person care and Hope Theory models of treatment and healing.

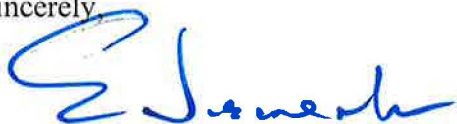
Opening on November 12, 2019, 15 agencies began sharing space and offering rotating onsite office hours, making referrals, and providing a more integrated network of services coordinated by navigators for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking within 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.

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Since opening and throughout the pandemic, the VCFJC has remained operational with business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. without delay or interruption of services. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services is offering to award a Family Justice Center Program Grant in the amount of \$338,918 for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024. This additional grant funding would directly benefit victims by providing increased staffing in direct correlation with an increasing demand for services.

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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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