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**Application Cover Sheet**

**RFA PROCESS**

**Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program**

Submitted by:  
County of Fresno Sheriff-Coroner's Office  
2200 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721  
(559) 600-8144

(Cal OES Use Only)			
Cal OES#	019.00000.04	FIPS#	019.00000
VS #		Subaward #	LE16 03 0100

## CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT SUBAWARD FACE SHEET

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), makes a Grant Subaward of funds set forth to the following:

1. Subrecipient: County of Fresno 1a. DUNS#: 613665769
2. Implementing Agency: County of Fresno Sheriff-Coroner's Office 2a. DUNS#: 613665769
3. Implementing Agency Address: 2200 Fresno Street Fresno 93721-1703  
Street City Zip+4
4. Location of Project: 2200 Fresno Street Fresno 93721-1703  
City County Zip+4
5. Disaster/Program Title: Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program 6. Performance Period: 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017
7. Indirect Cost Rate: ☒ N/A; ☐ 10% de minimis; ☐ Federally Approved ICR \_\_\_\_\_ %

Grant Year	Fund Source	A. State	B. Federal	C. Total	D. Cash Match	E. In-Kind Match	F. Total Match	G. Total Project Cost
2017	a. VAWA		\$ 204,137			\$ 68,046	\$ 68,046	\$ 272,183
Select	9. Select						\$ 0	\$ 0
Select	10. Select						\$ 0	\$ 0
Select	11. Select						\$ 0	\$ 0
Select	12. Select						\$ 0	\$ 0
	TOTALS	\$ 0	\$ 204,137	\$ 204,137	\$ 0	\$ 68,046	\$ 68,046	\$ 272,183

13. This Grant Subaward consists of this title page, the application for the grant, which is attached and made a part hereof, and the Assurances/Certifications. I hereby certify I am vested with the authority to enter into this Grant Subaward, and have the approval of the City/County Financial Officer, City Manager, County Administrator, Governing Board Chair, or other Approving Body. The Subrecipient certifies that all funds received pursuant to this agreement will be spent exclusively on the purposes specified in the Grant Subaward. The Subrecipient accepts this Grant Subaward and agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with the Grant Subaward as well as all applicable state and federal laws, audit requirements, federal program guidelines, and Cal OES policy and program guidance. The Subrecipient further agrees that the allocation of funds may be contingent on the enactment of the State Budget.

14. Official Authorized to Sign for Subrecipient: Ernest Buddy Mendes Title: Chairman  
Name: Telephone: 559-600-4002 (area code) FAX: 559-600-1809 (area code) Email: District4@co.fresno.ca.us  
Payment Mailing Address: 2200 Fresno Street City: Fresno Zip+4: 93721-1703  
Signature: Ernest Buddy Mendes Date: 12-16-2016
15. Federal Employer ID Number: 946000512

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure stated above.

<u>Mary Buckner</u>	<u>1/24/17</u>	<u>Sara Stillwell</u>	<u>1/24/17</u>
Cal OES Fiscal Officer	Date	Cal OES Director (or designee)	Date

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop  
Deputy

Yr: 2016-17 / Chapter: 23/ PCA No: 18416  
Item: 0690-102-0890 Component: 40.20.161  
FAIN #: 2016-WF-AX-0049 CFDA#: 16.585  
Federal Award Dates: 07/01/16 - 06/30/18  
Fund: Federal Trust  
Program: Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program  
Match Req: 25%, C/TK based on TPC  
Project No.: 16VAWA Amount: \$ 204,137

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## PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Subrecipient: County of Fresno

Subaward #: LE 16 03 0100

Provide the name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the project contacts named below. **NOTE: If you use a PO Box address, a street address is also required for package delivery and site visit purposes.**

1. The **Project Director** for the project:

Name: Jose Salinas

Title: Lieutenant

Telephone #: 559-600-8029

Fax#: 559-488-6880

Email Address: jose.salinas@fresnosheriff.org

Address/City/Zip: 2200 Fresno Street/Fresno/93721-1703

2. The **Financial Officer** for the project:

Name: Baldomero Berber

Title: Business Manager

Telephone #: 559-600-8135

Fax#: 559-488-3348

Email Address: Baldomero.Berber@fresnosheriff.org

Address/City/Zip: 2200 Fresno Street/Fresno/93721-1703

3. The **person** having **Routine Programmatic** responsibility for the project:

Name: Jeff Kertson

Title: Sergeant

Telephone #: 559-600-8144

Fax#: 559-488-6880

Email Address: jeff.kertson@fresnosheriff.org

Address/City/Zip: 2200 Fresno Street/Fresno/93721-1703

4. The **person** having **Routine Fiscal Responsibility** for the project:

Name: June Mayeda

Title: Supervising Accountant

Telephone #: 559-600-8575

Fax#: 559-48-3348

Email Address: June.Mayeda@fresnosheriff.org

Address/City/Zip: 2200 Fresno Street/Fresno/93721-1703

5. The **Executive Director** of a Community Based Organization or the **Chief Executive Officer** (i.e., chief of police, superintendent of schools) of the implementing agency:

Name: Margaret Mims

Title: Sheriff-Coroner

Telephone #: 559-600-8800

Fax#: 559-262-4032

Email Address: Margaret.Mims@fresnosheriff.org

Address/City/Zip: 2200 Fresno Street/Fresno/93721-1703

6. The **Official Designated** by the Governing Board to enter into the Grant Subaward for the City/County or Community-Based Organization, as stated in Section 14 of the Grant Subaward Face Sheet:

Name: Ernest Buddy Mendes

Title: Chairman

Telephone #: 559-600-4002

Fax#: 559-600-1609

Email Address: District4@co.fresno.ca.us

Address/City/Zip: 2281 Tulare Street #301/Fresno/93721-1703

7. The **chair** of the **Governing Body** of the subrecipient:

Name: Ernest Buddy Mendes

Title: Chairman

Telephone #: 559-600-4002

Fax#: 559-600-1609

Email Address: District4@co.fresno.ca.us

Address/City/Zip: 2281 Tulare Street #301/Fresno/93721-1703

## SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Subaward #: LE 16 03 0100

Subrecipient: County of Fresno

Implementing Agency: Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office

\*The **Project Director** and **Financial Officer** are **REQUIRED** to sign this form.

\***Project Director:** Jose Salinas

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\***Financial Officer:** Baldomero Berber

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following persons are authorized to sign for the  
**Project Director**

Capt. Stephen McComas  
Signature

Stephen McComas

Print Name

Jeff Kertson  
Signature

Jeff Kertson

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

The following persons are authorized to sign for the  
**Financial Officer**

Thomas Trester  
Signature

Thomas Trester

Print Name

June Mayeda  
Signature

June Mayeda

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

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**CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**  
**With Statutory Requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund As Amended,**  
**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Formula Grant Program**

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance-VAWA (Cal OES 2-104g), which includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board, Civil Rights Compliance, and the special conditions for Subaward with the above mentioned fund. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Subaward. In signing the Grant Subaward Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. Cal OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VII, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

**CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE**  
**With Statutory Requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Fund As Amended,**  
**Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors (STOP) Formula Grant Program**

I, Ernest Buddy Mendes hereby certify that  
(official authorized to sign Subaward; same person as Section 14 on Subaward Face Sheet)

SUBRECIPIENT: County of Fresno

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: County of Fresno Sheriff-Coroner's Office

PROJECT TITLE: Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program

is responsible for reviewing the *Subrecipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Subaward requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

**I. Federal Grant Funds**

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually are required to secure an audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and are allowed to utilize federal grant funds to budget for the audit costs. See Section 8000 of the Subrecipient Handbook for more detail.

- ☒ The above named Subrecipient receives \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.
- ☐ The above named Subrecipient does not receive \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.

**II. Equal Employment Opportunity – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2151*)**

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **Cal OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Brent Stalker

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 2200 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721-1703

Phone: (559)600-8190

Email: brent.stalker@fresnosheriff.org



### **III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (*Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2152*)**

The State of California requires that every person or organization subawarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

### **IV. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (*Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2153*)**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all Cal OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

### **V. Lobbying – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2154*)**

Cal OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

### **VI. Debarment and Suspension – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2155*)**

*(This applies to federally funded grants only.)*

Cal OES funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

### **VII. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board**

The above named organization (Applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain a signed resolution from the City Council/Governing Board in support of this program. The Applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of Cal OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Subaward, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant Subrecipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and Cal OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from Cal OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the City Council/Governing Board.

The Applicant is required to obtain a signed resolution from the City Council/Governing Board illustrating that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The Applicant is also required to maintain the signed resolution on-site, and a copy must be readily available upon request by Cal OES.

### **VIII. Civil Rights Compliance**

The subrecipient complies will all laws that prohibit excluding, denying or discriminating against any person based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in both the delivery of services and employment practices and does not use federal financial assistance to engage in explicitly religious activities.

## **IX. Special Condition for Grant Subaward with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funds**

- **Filing Costs for Criminal Charges and Protection**

Its laws, policies, and practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, to protect a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for a protection order, or witness subpoena, whether issued inside or outside the State, tribal, or local jurisdiction.

- **Forensic Medical Examination Payment Requirement for Victims of Sexual Assault**

The state or territory, Indian tribal government, unit of local government, or another governmental entity incurs the full out-of-pocket cost of forensic medical exams for victims of sexual assault, coordinates with health care providers in the region to notify victims of sexual assault of the availability of rape exams at no cost to the victims, and does not require a victim of sexual assault to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement in order to be provided with a forensic medical exam, or to be reimbursed for charges incurred on account of such an exam, or both.

- **Judicial Notification**

The State's or unit of local government's judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of the requirements delineated in section 922(g)(8) and (g)(9) of title 18, United States Code, and any applicable related Federal, State, or local laws.

- **Polygraph Testing Prohibition**

Its laws, policies, or practices ensure that no law enforcement officer, prosecuting officer or other Government official shall ask or require an adult, youth, or child victim of an alleged sex offense as defined under Federal, tribal, state, territorial, or local law to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense.

Under 42 U.S.C. 3796gg-8(b), the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination shall not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense by a state, Indian tribal government, territorial government, or unit of local government.



- **Nondisclosure of Confidential or Private Information Regarding Services for Victims**

Recipients and Subrecipients shall not:

- (i) disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through Recipient' and Subrecipient' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
- (ii) disclose, reveal, or release individual client information without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person and/or parent or guardian about whom information is sought, unless the disclosure of the information is compelled by statutory or court mandate. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, Recipients and Subrecipients shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information and shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the person affected by the release of the information.

- **Consultation and Documentation with Local Victim Services Programs**

*(Applies only to law enforcement, prosecution and the courts)*

Tribal, territorial, State, or local prosecution, law enforcement, and courts must consult with tribal, territorial, State or local victim service programs during the course of developing their grant applications. This will ensure that proposed activities and equipment acquisitions are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Subrecipient may be ineligible for subaward of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) The Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Subaward [Section 14 on Grant Subaward Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant Subrecipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Ernest Buddy Mendes

Authorized Official's Typed Name: Ernest Buddy Mendes

Authorized Official's Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Date Executed: 12-16-2016

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop  
Deputy

Federal Employer ID #: 94-6000512 Federal DUNS # 613665769

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: 6/8/2017

Executed in the City/County of: Fresno

## AUTHORIZED BY: (not applicable to State agencies)

- ☐ City Financial Officer  
☐ City Manager  
☐ Governing Board Chair

- ☒ County Financial Officer  
☐ County Manager

Signature: Oscar J. Garcia

Typed Name: Oscar J. Garcia

Title: Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector

## PROJECT SUMMARY

<b>1. Subaward #:</b> LE 16 03 0100		<b>3. PERFORMANCE PERIOD</b>	
<b>2. PROJECT TITLE</b> Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program		01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	
<b>4. SUBRECIPIENT</b>		<b>5. GRANT AMOUNT</b> (this is the same amount as 12G of the Grant Subaward Face Sheet)	
Name:	County of Fresno	Phone:	559-600-4002
Address:	2281 Tulare Street #301	Fax #:	559-600-1609
City:	Fresno	Zip:	93721-1703
<b>6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY</b>			
Name:	County of Fresno Sheriff-Coroner's Office	Phone:	559-600-8144
Address:	2200 Fresno Street	Fax #:	559-488-6880
City:	Fresno	Zip:	93721-1703
<b>7. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The purpose of the LE Program is to create or enhance specialized units to provide a coordinated response to victims of domestic violence and their children. The specialized units will accomplish this purpose through thorough investigation, immediate victim advocacy, training for patrol officers/first responders, and the development of effective protocols and practices that will continue after the grant cycle has ended.</p>			
<b>8. PROBLEM STATEMENT</b>			
<p>The high rate of domestic violence within Fresno County is coupled with extreme poverty, joblessness, and ethnic diversity, as well as poor education, all factors that make Fresno County's population an extreme challenge to serve. With the large population of Fresno County, coupled with the high number of domestic violence calls for service, this grant funding has enabled the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office an opportunity to service a large number of domestic violence victims and their families. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is able to reach a greater number of domestic violence victims in need and offer them protection from future victimization.</p>			
<b>9. OBJECTIVES</b>			
<p>The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, in partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center, has utilized these funds to enhance and improve our coordinated response to protect victims of domestic violence and their children. A full-time victim advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center is assigned fulltime to the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. This funding ensures that victims of domestic violence and their children within Fresno County receive the necessary services to empower them and assist in stopping the cycle of violence. This grant funding has enabled the Fresno County Sheriff's Office to focus much of our attention to domestic violence specific training to our patrol deputies and first responders, provide a higher level of victim advocacy for our victims, increase our investigation and coordinated response to domestic violence incidents and develop protocols for a sustainable response.</p>			

**10. ACTIVITIES**

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, in partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center, will perform the following activities during this twelve month grant period: Provide immediate response by a domestic violence advocate to serve victims and survivors, provide victim notifications and outreach to victims and survivors, provide trainings to law enforcement, first responders and other professionals, assist victims and survivors seek and obtain protection orders, collaborate with community partners and develop and maintain protocols for a sustainable response to incidents of domestic violence.

**11. EVALUATION (if applicable)**

Progress in achieving the stated goals and objectives will be evaluated on a semi-annual basis by program staff. Program effectiveness will be measured based in part by the number of victims served and the amount of training sessions provided to law enforcement and other professionals, in addition to other statistical data collected throughout the year.

**12. NUMBER OF CLIENTS**

(if applicable)

**13. PROJECT BUDGET**

(these are the same amounts as on Budget Pages)

	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	\$225,801	\$46,382		\$272,183
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
<b>Totals:</b>	\$225,801	\$46,382	\$0	\$272,183

## **Project Narrative**

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

The County of Fresno was formed in 1856 and is located in the Central Valley of California. The County of Fresno is comprised of approximately 6,000 square miles thus making Fresno County the sixth (6) largest county in California by square miles. According to the U.S. Census, County of Fresno population for 2014 is estimated at 974,861 documented persons making the County of Fresno the tenth (10) most populous county in California.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is responsible for providing law enforcement services within the County of Fresno. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office was established in 1856 and is overseen by an elected Sheriff. Sheriff-Coroner Margaret Mims is the current Sheriff-Coroner of Fresno County and has served in that capacity since 2007. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office consists of a total of 1,141 sworn and civilian employees'. Of the 1,141 total employees', 421 are sworn law enforcement personnel assigned to various duties with the department. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has a total of 186 patrol deputies and supervisors assigned to the Patrol Bureau. These deputies and supervisors are directly responsible for ensuring the safety of the public and responding to calls for service, including domestic violence incidents and restraining order violations. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office first established a Domestic Violence Unit in the early 1990's. The personnel assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit has fluctuated through the years due to the economic times from a high of four (4) deputy sheriff detectives to the current allocation of two (2) full-time deputy sheriff detectives.

The Marjaree Mason Center (MMC) is a resource and shelter for victims of domestic violence within the County of Fresno. For more than 30 years, the Marjaree Mason Center has

offered shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence in Fresno County. The Center was founded in 1979 after the murder of Marjaree Mason, a native of Easton located in the County of Fresno. A graduate of Washington High School and Reedley College, Marjaree lived in Fresno for 31 years and was well known in the community. Currently, the Center operates the county's only domestic violence shelter. The Marjaree Mason Center supports and empowers adults and their children affected by domestic violence, while striving to prevent and end the cycle of abuse through education and advocacy.

The Mission Statement of the Marjaree Mason Center is ***"to empower individuals and their children to make informed choices to live free of domestic violence."***

The goal of the Marjaree Mason Center Safe House program is to provide a safe, healthy and supportive environment until the family can be relocated to a long term independent living community. On behalf of victims, case managers advocate with social service agencies, employers or other organizations, often assisting victims in applying for public assistance.

From January 2016 through August of 2016, the Marjaree Mason Center provided 279 adults and 373 children a place to live at their shelters which offer a total of 150 beds for victims of domestic violence. The Marjaree Mason Center provides an emergency shelter located in Fresno and a transitional shelter located in the City of Clovis. The 24 hour crisis hotline provided by the Marjaree Mason Center handled 1,347 calls and 960 Crisis walkins during this same time period. This crisis line services both victims of domestic violence as well as provides an after hour resource for law enforcement to assist victims of domestic violence.

According to the most recent City-data.com information from 2013, the percentage of residents living in poverty within Fresno County was 28.8% compare to the State of California average of 16.8%. Meanwhile, California's Employment Development Department reports

Fresno County experienced a 8.7% unemployment rate in August of 2016, far greater than California's rate of 5.6% during the same time. The 8.7% unemployment rate for Fresno County is down from the high of 13.8% in March of 2014.

According to the 2013 U.S. Census figures, Hispanics represent the majority of County of Fresno's population, at about 51.6%. The rest of the population is about 10.5% Asian, 5.9% Black or African American, 3% American Indian, and 31.4% White. The census also shows more than one out of five Fresno County residents are foreign born, and a language other than English is spoken in more than 43.4% of Fresno County homes. The need for bi-lingual first responding deputy sheriffs and investigators has never been greater. Both the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center currently provide staff funded by this grant who are bi-lingual in English and Spanish to fully assist victims of domestic violence.

In 2015, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office documented 975 criminal reports for domestic violence related crimes including, kidnapping, spousal abuse, rape and violations of criminal protective orders. For the first six months of 2016, January through June, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office documented 429 criminal reports relating to domestic violence. From 2010 through 2013, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office documented on average 897 criminal reports for domestic violence related crimes each year during that time frame. The responsibility for investigating this high rate of criminal reports for domestic violence related cases falls onto the Domestic Violence Unit and the two (2) full time detectives.

This high rate of domestic violence is coupled with extreme poverty, joblessness, and ethnic diversity, as well as poor education, all factors that make Fresno County's population an extreme challenge to serve. With the large population of Fresno County, coupled with the high number of domestic violence calls for service, this grant funding enabled the Fresno County



Sheriff's Office an opportunity to better serve a large number of domestic violence victims and their families. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has been able to reach a greater number of domestic violence victims in need and allow for a higher percentage of victims served.

With the continued growth of the County of Fresno, coupled with the increase in education and services for victims of domestic violence, the need for cooperation and coordinated partnership between the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center has never been greater. In years past, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office had to cut personnel from our Domestic Violence Unit, and Marjaree Mason Center had to make similar cuts. Prior to this grant award, The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office staffed the Domestic Violence Unit with one (1) full-time deputy sheriff detective. This one detective was responsible for follow-up investigation of all domestic violence cases, review of each domestic violence report and the submission of cases to the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, in addition to providing ongoing domestic violence training for deputies and other members of the department. With the high case load of domestic violence cases for this one detective, the dissemination of victim information and reports to the advocate occurred at a slower pace. At times this hindered the advocates ability to reach victims in a timely manner thus slowing up the process of assisting victims. Advocates routinely gain new information from follow-up contacts with victims which is also useful to the detectives. Victim injuries oftentimes get progressively worse over time and re-photographing them in the ensuing days helps to solidify investigations. With the dedicated personnel added from this grant award many of the previous problems we encountered due to limited personnel and resources have been solved.

Cooperation is essential to providing victims with cohesive and comprehensive services. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center have proven that in partnering together, we can offer the cohesive and comprehensive services needed to successfully investigate, prosecute and protect victims of domestic violence.

Even with the additional staffing made available from this grant award, a more effective coordinated response to domestic violence victims and those providing services to the victims is crucial. Law enforcement and victim services agencies provide complimentary services, and must cooperate to provide the best possible assistance to victims. The Marjaree Mason Center provides trained victim advocates equipped to provide victims with safety planning, crisis support, and referrals for emergency shelter. It is imperative that law enforcement give these advocates fast access to victims who have reported domestic violence in order to offer services, intervene in the cycle of violence and prevent further harm to victims and their children.

In responding to domestic violence calls, a cooperative advocate-law-enforcement relationship is beneficial for several reasons. Many victims in Fresno County have a distrust of law enforcement, some of which may be caused from the high number of victims who speak a language other than English. Oftentimes, these victims may be hesitant or afraid to come forward to law enforcement because they are in this country illegally. Marjaree Mason Center advocates can often break through this lack of trust and hesitation because any information victims provide to advocates is 100% confidential and will not be disclosed. Emergency Protective Orders can be issued in the field at the time law enforcement investigates incidents of domestic violence. While Marjaree Mason Center advocates can provide many services to a victim in need, only law enforcement, can provide Emergency Protective Orders. Oftentimes, victims of domestic violence can be intimidated by law enforcement for various reasons and may

not feel comfortable cooperating with law enforcement. Advocates can explain in an unbiased manner the importance of holding abusers accountable, increasing the likelihood of criminal prosecution.

Without a victim's testimony or cooperation, criminal domestic violence cases often cannot be prosecuted. Law enforcement testimony alone is usually not sufficient to prosecute because it is often considered hearsay and a defendant has a right to confront and cross examine his or her accuser. Considering these factors, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office understands the importance of victim advocates and the overall benefits the advocates can provide. An advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center can build a level of trust with victims, and explain the importance of holding abusers accountable thus ensuring the overall safety of the victim and their family.

Over the years, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has developed a series of departmental policy, procedures and protocols in responding to incidents of domestic violence. These Policies, Procedures and Protocols are necessary and give guidance and directives to deputies and detectives who respond to and investigate incidents of domestic violence and restraining order violations. They ensure a standardized and consistent approach while investigating these types of crimes thus ensuring appropriate action is taken to adequately and properly protect the victim. The additional resources provided by this grant funding have been directed to ensure current policy, procedures and protocols are current and up to date. The personnel added by this grant ensures the overall protection of the victim by adhering to the law and best practices, from the initial investigation through the criminal court process.

The detectives assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit have partnered with the advocate and other personnel from the Marjaree Mason Center to revise law enforcement and advocates

protocols for responding to victims of domestic violence and their families. This coordinated response has allowed for a consistent and directed response by both deputy sheriffs and the advocates to incidents of domestic violence to ensure the ultimate protection of the victims of domestic violence.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office places a high level of emphasis and integrity in the initial and ongoing training of our personnel. Newly hired deputy sheriff's go through an extensive field training program to properly equip them to investigate and handle any incident which may arise. The training offered by the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office continues for all sworn personnel throughout their careers. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office holds yearly "In-Service" skills training to all sworn personnel in many different areas including legal updates and officer safety. Sworn personnel are trained and receive updates in the area of domestic violence. Patrol deputies receive training to give them the necessary skills to investigate incidents of domestic violence without the need for extensive follow-up by a Domestic Violence Detective. Detectives from the Domestic Violence Unit routinely responded to patrol briefings, giving legal updates and field questions to ensure patrol deputies are following proper Policy, Procedures and Protocols. With the additional resources made possible with this grant funding, trainings offered by the detectives within the Domestic Violence Unit have increased thus increasing the quality of our domestic violence investigations. This ongoing, hands on training has increased the quality of our investigations being conducted by patrol deputies and first responders.

Inter-agency accountability ensures that both law enforcement and victim advocates work together to best protect the rights and safety of victims, with each agency holding the other accountable. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office keeps Marjaree Mason Center staff

informed on laws, evidence procedures, law enforcement staffing and protocols, and other matters that can affect the safety and rights of victims. Likewise, the Marjaree Mason Center advocates ensure that officers are properly providing for and ensuring victim safety. Currently in Fresno County, Marjaree Mason Center advocates and law enforcement provide inter-agency accountability only within law-enforcement domestic violence units. The Marjaree Mason Center does not have the resources to respond on-site to every single domestic violence call or to provide inter-agency accountability to first-responding law enforcement units. Additionally, limited protocols or procedures currently exist for providing inter-agency accountability on law enforcement first responders of domestic violence.

Law enforcement should have protocols to help inform all responding officers and dispatchers about proper investigation of domestic violence, the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement and advocates, as well as protocols requiring or encouraging certain law enforcement personnel to attend domestic violence response trainings.

With this grant award, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has been able to provide the best level of service to all victims of domestic violence. With this additional grant funding, the Fresno County Sheriff Coroner's Office was able to expand our Domestic Violence Unit and improve the level of training our personnel receive, thus strengthening the investigations into domestic violence incidents and protecting the victims and their families.

### **PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has long been a leader in providing training opportunities for internal personnel, as well as personnel from surrounding agencies in numerous areas, including domestic violence. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, in partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center, has utilized these funds to enhance and improve our

coordinated response to protect victims of domestic violence and their children. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office continues to partner with Rape Counseling Services of Fresno (RCS) and the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center, operated by the Fresno County Probation Department. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has developed a strategic plan to enhance our response and techniques for domestic violence investigations, by providing immediate victim advocacy, ongoing training for patrol officers/first responders and the development of effective protocols and practices that will continue beyond this grant period.

As stated, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has had a long standing partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center. With these grant funds, a full-time victim advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center has been dedicated to the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. This funding will ensure that victims of domestic violence and their children within Fresno County receive the necessary services to empower them and assist in stopping the cycle of violence. Prior to this grant award, a victim advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center was housed within the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office on a part time basis. This was not a fulltime assignment due to the lack of funding and other duties which often pulled the advocate away from her office and her ability to assist the Domestic Violence Unit. This advocate is available to assist victims of domestic violence within Fresno County and is a resource to the deputies and investigators from the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the citizens of Fresno County.

The advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center is housed within the Domestic Violence Unit at the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. This advocate is available to assist on domestic violence investigations, both during normal business hours and outside of the normal working hours, to provide immediate in-person response to requests for advocacy on a 24-hour

basis. The Sergeant who directly supervises the Domestic Violence Unit is notified when an immediate response by a victim advocate is requested. The assigned victim advocate is then notified and a coordinated response between the advocate and/or detective is arranged in order to assist the victim and patrol deputies. In other situations which may not require an immediate emergency response, patrol deputies and investigators are trained to contact the existing 24 hour crisis hotline provided by the Marjaree Mason Center. This hotline is staffed 24-hours a day by live operators who are trained domestic violence advocates. By utilizing this hotline, members of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office only need to know one phone number to provide immediate assistance to victims of domestic violence.

The assigned advocate provides the following: crisis intervention and follow-up services to victims of domestic violence and their families, provides information on the judicial process and support/advocacy during the court, prepare and file domestic violence restraining orders for victims and provide resource materials/outreach information for classes and groups in order to assist the victims and ensure the victims are given all the resources in order to protect themselves from further violence and victimization. The advocate ensures the victim continues to receive the proper services and resources throughout the process to adequately protect themselves from further violence. It is strongly believed that the cycle of violence can be ended or prevented with a full-time advocate, working closely with the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, to collectively ensure proper education and advocacy for the victims of domestic violence. With this grant award, this has been proven true as we have implemented and moved forward with our plan and implementation.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has routinely provided patrol officers and first responders and other relevant department personnel with domestic violence specified



training. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has long seen the value of providing directed domestic violence training to patrol deputies and first responders. Since the 1990's, patrol deputies and other first responders have routinely been provided with domestic violence trainings such as crime scene investigation, proper investigative techniques, evidence collection such as victim/suspect photographs depicting injuries or lack of injuries and also proper services available to victims of domestic violence. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office understands from experience the benefit of ongoing training for our personnel. When patrol deputies are continually provided domestic violence specified trainings, the quality of the investigations are enhanced and ultimately more victims are protected from their perpetrators. Quality investigations by patrol deputies also free up investigators to conduct more thorough investigations into domestic violence cases. If detectives do not need to re-interview victims or suspects, or contact additional witnesses because the initial responding deputy did a thorough investigation, the detective can re-direct his or her resources into putting together a complete package for prosecution. Detectives within the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, including the Domestic Violence Unit, routinely monitor recorded jail calls and are often able to make cases stronger or even add additional charges based upon information obtained from these recorded phone calls. If patrol deputies are not completing proper and complete investigations, then the detectives assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit does not have the time or resources to complete such follow up and much of the investigators time will be spent completing the work of the patrol deputy.

With this grant funding, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office was able to add a second, full-time Detective to the Domestic Violence Unit. This Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office now has two (2) full-time Detectives assigned to investigate domestic violence

cases. Both detectives work hand in hand to protect victims of domestic violence within Fresno County. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is now able to refocus much of our attention back to domestic violence specific training to our patrol deputies and first responders. This is accomplished through routine attendance at patrol briefings on a quarterly basis. This "in person" training allows the information to be communicated directly to the personnel in need, as well as answer any questions which arise. The advocate from the Marjaree Mason Center also attends these trainings and provides the necessary training regarding services that are available to properly ensure the victims of domestic violence are safe. The detective and advocate also attend trainings provided to newly hired deputy sheriffs who are going through the field training program. These trainings are provided by a seasoned and experienced domestic violence investigator, rather than a training officer with limited detective experience. The Domestic Violence Detective and the advocate also attend meetings of field training officers on a regular basis. This ensures the deputies who are directly training patrol personnel have relevant and correct information which is up to date and accurate. The assigned Detective and advocate are working together to provide relevant resource material and outreach materials to patrol deputies and other relevant department personnel. This includes updated pamphlets and materials for department members and victims alike. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office understands the benefits of utilizing the experts in the field of domestic violence to train our personnel and we expect to ultimately protect the victims of domestic violence end the cycle of violence for victims and their children with an improved coordinated response.

With this funding, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has been able to make a dramatic impact on domestic violence victims and their families in Fresno County with more

thorough investigations, better training for department personnel and a quicker advocacy and educational response to victims and their families.

Both the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center are working together to provide training to patrol deputies and 9-1-1 dispatchers. In these trainings, victim advocates communicate the importance of their role in responding to victims, safety planning, as well as provide information on all of Marjaree Mason Centers available victim services, victim mindset, and general information about domestic violence. In such trainings, law enforcement involvement can give legitimacy to the information provided which solidifies the need for a coordinated response.

Patrol officers need to be informed about different laws affecting victims. This knowledge will encourage officers to follow proper procedures in evidence gathering, such as taking detailed photographs. Training first-responding deputies is especially important because detectives rely heavily on the initial investigative work conducted by first responding patrol deputies. Proper investigations conducted at the first responder level, also gives investigators an opportunity to redirect their resources to completing more thorough investigations which ultimately leads to greater sentences for the perpetrators thus protecting domestic violence victims and their families. Oftentimes, victims of domestic violence fail to cooperate with investigators after their initial contact with first responding deputy sheriffs. This is due to numerous factors and re-enforces the need for complete and thorough investigations by those first responding deputy sheriffs.

Other ways in which domestic violence specified trainings are directed to patrol deputies and first responders is through recorded video trainings, roll call training bulletins which are used to keep personnel informed of relevant changes in domestic violence laws and also through

the yearly “In-Service” training provided to department personnel each year which can include the mandated domestic violence update trainings.

These training which are provided to patrol officers and/or dispatchers include the following: dynamics of power and control, understanding the concept of dominant aggressor, crime scene investigations to include thorough victim interviews, documenting and collecting physical evidence, photographs of victims and suspect depicting injuries or lack of injuries, noting and interviewing children present, benefits of recording interviews, completing detail-specific and comprehensive crime reports, medical release information and officer safety.

Inter-agency accountability ensures that both law enforcement and victim advocates work together to best protect the rights and safety of victims, with each agency holding the other accountable. Marjaree Mason Center advocates ensure that officers are properly providing victim safety and the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner’s Office keeps the Marjaree Mason Center staff informed on laws, evidence procedures, law enforcement staffing and protocols, and other matters that can affect the safety and rights of victims.

Currently, Marjaree Mason Center advocates and the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner’s Office provide inter-agency accountability within the Domestic Violence Unit. With proper training and commitment of resources, interagency accountability has been carried forth by properly trained patrol deputies and each case is reviewed by the domestic violence advocate and the domestic violence detective to ensure all policies and procedures are properly followed. This improved inter-agency accountability has ultimately improved the level of the investigations completed and provided for the safety and security of the victims and their families.

Currently, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner’s Office is the only law enforcement agency within the county to regularly attend the Domestic Violence Rural Roundtable meetings

hosted by the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. These meetings are designed for all law enforcement agencies outside of the City of Fresno to gather and discuss issues involving domestic violence in rural Fresno County and how as a whole, we can better serve the domestic violence victims in Fresno County. Likewise, advocates from the Marjaree Mason Center are the only advocates who routinely attend these same meetings. This demonstrates the commitment of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center to better serve and protect the victims of domestic violence and further ensures our commitment to interagency accountability.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has always taken pride in providing its members with the necessary policies, procedures and protocols to properly investigate crimes within Fresno County. Domestic violence cases are no different. Law enforcement officers in general benefit from having proper procedures and protocols in place to follow when investigating crimes. This ensures a streamlined approach to investigations, ensuring consistent and appropriate response by deputies. There is no other type of crime where this is more important than in domestic violence cases. Without updated procedures and protocols, investigations will lack thoroughness and steps will be forgotten. Domestic violence cases are very complex at times to investigate and there is no room for errors by the investigating first responders and patrol deputies. Without proper procedures and protocols in place, suspects will not be properly arrested or prosecuted thus endangering the victims and placing a higher likelihood the suspect will reoffend.

With this grant funding, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center have collaborated to ensure our current policies, procedures and protocols are up to date and adequate in meeting the needs of domestic violence victims. These protocols apply

to all domestic violence cases including violations of protective orders to ensure victim safety. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office takes investigating domestic violence incidents and domestic violence restraining orders very seriously. We aggressively locate and arrest those offenders who violate domestic violence protective orders to properly protect the victims and their families. Oftentimes, the perpetrators of these restraining orders are not located at the time of the initial investigation and per California laws, they cannot be arrested without a warrant at a future time. With these added funds, the additional detective has been able to push cases through to the Fresno County District Attorney's Office at a much faster rate. This ensures active warrants are obtained in a timely manner and perpetrators are arrested at a much faster rate, thus ensuring the safety of domestic violence victims and their children.

Therefore, with this funding the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office once again has the personnel to develop and implement protocols for ensuring the ultimate protection of domestic violence victims, not only in restraining order cases but all domestic violence incidents. The detectives within the Domestic Violence Unit now have the time and resources to stay apprised and up to date on law and other relevant issues pertaining to domestic violence cases. They ensure policies, procedures and protocols are up to date and are followed by all personnel, thus creating a coordinated response from the initial investigation at the scene through the successful prosecution of the perpetrator. These policies, procedures and protocols outline the available services to assist the victims of domestic violence end the cycle of violence for themselves and their children, thus making Fresno County a safer place for victims and their families.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has completed and will continue to complete progress reports on a semi-annual basis and submit them to Cal OES. These reports

document statistical information as required by the grant award, as well as demonstrate the coordinated response of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, the Marjaree Mason Center and other community partners in protecting and educating victims of domestic violence. The statistical information includes, but not limited to, cases referred to the specialized Domestic Violence Unit, cases investigated, demographics of victims served, services provided, information on personnel trained and a narrative documenting the progress made in accomplishing the goals and objectives of this grant award.

As stated earlier, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has the necessary resources for the continued and ongoing development and enhancement of our protocols in responding to domestic violence incidents. This funding has allowed the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to expand our Domestic Violence Unit after the economic downturn we experienced. This funding has enabled the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to double the staff of the Domestic Violence Unit to two fulltime investigators, with the sole purpose of protecting the victims of domestic violence within Fresno County and ensuring the perpetrators are prosecuted to the fullest extent.

As the three year grant cycle expires, our goal is to seek additional grant funding and increase funding from the general fund budget of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. It is our belief that with the hard work and dedication from those working within the Domestic Violence Unit, the need for the continued expansion of the Domestic Violence Unit will be recognized. As investigations continue to become more and more complex with added factors such as text messaging, "sexting", "sextortion" and social media websites, the need for an experienced and coordinated response beyond this three year grant cycle will be apparent.



The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center are both committed to the common goal of protecting victims of domestic violence and ending the cycle of violence, while providing the necessary resources to assist the victims and their families. This commitment began thirty years ago and will continue well into the future as part of our long-term plan to respond to incidents of domestic violence long after this grant funding has been exhausted. The history and track record of both agencies have demonstrated that a strong partnership and collaboration is vital to the coordinated response to domestic violence incidents. With this grant funding, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office began the long overdue undertaking of expanding our Domestic Violence Unit to better protect victims and their families well into the future, beyond this initial grant period.

### **CAPABILITIES**

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has the necessary personnel and resources to meet and exceed the stated objectives require of this grant application. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has a long standing history of meeting and exceeding various grant awards through the years, including several funded by Cal OES. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office also has the necessary infrastructure needed to supervise and oversee this grant award to ensure all objectives are met and all money is spent in accordance with Cal OES guidelines. The Domestic Violence Unit falls within the Detective Bureau of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. The Detective Unit is overseen by a Sheriff's Captain who has just under twenty (20) years of law enforcement experience. The Domestic Violence Unit is overseen by a Sheriff's Lieutenant who has twenty-four (24) years of total law enforcement experience. The Domestic Violence Unit is supervised directly by a Sheriff's Sergeant who has twenty-one (21) years of total law enforcement experience. This Sheriff's Sergeant also has

experience supervising and the direct responsibility for the management of no less than four different State and Federal Grants during his tenure. The financial aspect of this grant is handled by a Supervising Accountant within the business office of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. This Supervising Accountant has an abundance of experience working on both State and Federal Grants. The experience listed above will ensure the personnel assigned to this grant award will continue to adhere to the guidelines and requirements of this Cal OES funded grant award.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has long been a leader in providing training opportunities for internal personnel, as well as personnel from surrounding agencies in numerous areas including Domestic Violence. Each year, a twenty (20) or forty (40) hour in-service training session is provided to deputy sheriff personnel on various topics including domestic violence updates, officer safety etcetera. Due to our commitment to training and our available resources, many surrounding law enforcement agencies send their personnel to these in-service trainings as a way to keep their own department personnel up to date and informed of emerging trends. This demonstrates the high level of trust these agencies have in the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to properly and correctly train their personnel. Oftentimes, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is requested by neighboring law enforcement agencies within the County of Fresno to investigate major crimes occurring in their own jurisdictions. These crimes include homicides, officer involved shootings, sexual assaults and at times, domestic violence cases. This is due to the investigative experience of detectives assigned to the specialty units within the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, as well as the available resources.

The two detectives currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit at the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office have approximately 29 years of law enforcement experience.

These detectives possess Advanced and Intermediate POST certificates respectively and they have attended several POST certified training courses, including Domestic Violence specific training and Interview and Interrogation. They have also been cross trained to work sexual assault investigations and have attended a POST certified Sexual Assault training course. Many domestic violence cases result in a current or past sexual assault and the cross training of these detectives is invaluable to the successful completion of the grant objectives. Due to the high level of emphasis placed on ongoing direct training of department personnel by the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, we do not need to exhaust grant funds on training for the assigned detectives. The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has long recognized the importance of properly trained personnel and will utilize existing training funds to provide any necessary POST training in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault training, as well as interview and interrogation techniques.

The detectives funded by this grant award and assigned full time to investigating and coordinating response to domestic violence incidents will act in both an investigative and coordinating capacity, including:

- Review arrest and preliminary investigation reports to evaluate cases and provide supplemental reports for issues requiring further investigation within 48 hours of arrest.
- Gather and document evidence including witness statements, the identities of all children in the home, previous incidents of domestic violence and violent crimes, as well as civil restraining order information from the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS).

- Provide or facilitate training for patrol officers/first responders on responding to victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Assist with the development of protocols for ensuring consistent and appropriate response by officers to violations of protective orders in order to ensure victim safety.
- Oversee the completion of domestic violence case follow-up requests or evidence requests from the District Attorney's Office.
- Provide consultation and resources for officers, and other relevant personnel employed by the recipient, on effective domestic violence intervention and response techniques.
- Serve as a point of contact with the domestic violence service provider and the Domestic Violence Counselor for developing and initiating mechanisms of interagency accountability.
- Work in close cooperation with victim advocacy personnel.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office involvement and partnership with the Marjaree Mason Center's began in approximately 1997 when an advocate was stationed within the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office. The advocates receive reports of domestic violence and contact victims to offer services and other resources available to the victims. This collaboration in serving victims has continued for the past nineteen (19) years and will continue well into the future.

The collaboration between the Marjaree Mason Center and the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office is further strengthened by the involvement of law enforcement on the Marjaree Mason Center's volunteer Board of Directors. Over the past 20 years, members of the Fresno

County Sheriff's Office have frequently served on the board of directors of the Marjaree Mason Center. Currently, Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner Margaret Mims serves on the board of directors.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office involvement and partnership with the Rape Counseling Center of Fresno (RCS) began in the 1970's and continues to this day. Advocates from RCS provide confidential help to sexual violence survivors that is trauma-informed and culturally competent. RCS advocates personally accompany sexual violence survivors to sexual assault forensic exams under Penal Code 264.2(b)(1). Upon request, RCS advocates accompany survivors to law enforcement interviews or court proceedings. RCS also provides therapy and supportive service referrals and other help to all sexual violence survivors in Fresno County. RCS also provides rape prevention education and training to other professionals. RCS advocates answer the 24-hour rape crisis line in Fresno County (559-222-7273) and these services are available to deputies from the Fresno County Sheriff's Office in order to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Oftentimes, victims of domestic violence are also sexually assaulted by their perpetrators. Having resources such as the RCS hotline, giving victims and deputy sheriff first responders direct and immediate access is paramount in providing for the overall safety and protection of the victim.

The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office also has an established, documented working relationship with the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center operated through the Fresno County Probation Department. They serve victims of various crimes, including domestic violence and sexual assault. Among other services, they provide crisis intervention and counseling, emergency assistance and referrals, orientation to the criminal justice system, support at court hearings, restitution assistance and training.

All the above listed capabilities demonstrate that the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office does have the personnel and infrastructure necessary to meet and exceed the objectives of this grant.

Over the years, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office has worked in a collaborative effort with our community and justice system partners in an effort to provide the best services to the victims of Fresno County. Our past and present history of involvement with our community partners have demonstrated the high level of dedication and service to the victims of Fresno County and proves our commitment to the long term goals and objectives of the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program.

# BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

Grant Recipient: Fresno County Sheriff's Dept.							16 VAWA	Match Amount	COST
A. Personal Services – Salaries/Employee Benefits									
Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office									
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>No. of FTE Positions</b>	<b>Actual Annual Salaries</b>	<b>Actual Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Annual Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>% Funded VAWA</b>	<b>% In-Kind Match</b>			
Sheriff-Coroner's Deputy Sheriff III(s)	1	\$80,409	\$79,434	\$159,843	98.69%	0.00%	\$157,755		\$157,755
\$80,409/position				Health Insurance					
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<b>Benefits Breakdown</b>	<b>No of FTE Positions</b>	<b>OASDI &amp; Medicare @7.65%</b>	<b>Retirement @ 83.25%</b>	<b>\$6,342.30/position</b>	<b>Actual Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Total Benefits % age</b>			
Sheriff-Coroner's Deputy Sheriff III(s)	1	\$6,151	\$66,940	\$6,342	\$79,434	49.70%			
2nd Sheriff-Coroner's Deputy Sheriff III(s)									
In-Kind Match									
\$80,409/position	1	\$80,409	\$79,434	\$159,843	0.00%	42.57%		\$68,046	\$68,046
				Health Insurance					
				@					
<b>Benefits Breakdown</b>	<b>No of FTE Positions</b>	<b>OASDI &amp; Medicare @7.65%</b>	<b>Retirement @ 83.25%</b>	<b>\$6,342.30/position</b>	<b>Actual Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Total Benefits % age</b>			
Sheriff-Coroner's Deputy Sheriff III(s)	1	\$6,151	\$66,940	\$6,342	\$79,434	49.70%			
Personal Section Totals							\$157,755	\$68,046	\$225,801
PERSONAL SECTION TOTAL									\$225,801

# BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

B. Operating Expenses							16 VAWA	Match Amount	COST
<b>Community-Based Organization (CBO) - Marjaree Mason Center</b>									
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>No. of FTE Positions</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Salaries</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Salary &amp; Benefits</b>		<b>% Funded VAWA</b>			
Victim Advocate	1	\$33,738	\$8,122	\$41,860		100.00%	\$41,860		\$41,860
<b>Benefits Breakdown</b>	<b>OASDI &amp; Medicare @ 7.65%</b>	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Workers Comp</b>	<b>Health Insurance including dental &amp; vision</b>	<b>Actual Annual Benefits</b>	<b>% Funded VAWA</b>			
Victim Advocate	\$2,581	\$434	\$196	\$4,911	\$8,122	19.40%			
<b>Overtime for Victim Advocate</b> (estimated 3 hours/month x 12 months + OASDI)							\$946		\$946
<b>Communications Expense:</b> \$55/month x 12 months							\$660		\$660
<b>Mileage Expense:</b> 200 miles/month x 12 months @ \$.54							\$1,296		\$1,296
<b>Office Supplies:</b> \$25/month x 12 months							\$300		\$300
<b>Facility Parking:</b> \$110/month x 12 months							\$1,320		\$1,320
<b>OPERATING SECTION TOTAL</b>							\$46,382	\$0	\$46,382
<b>OPERATING SECTION TOTAL</b>									<b>46,382.00</b>



### BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

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**Budget Narrative****A. Personnel Service-Salaries and Benefits- \$225,801**

Applicant Agency- Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office

Deputy Sheriff: \$157,755 is budgeted to fund 98.69% of the salary and benefits for one (1) full time equivalent Deputy Sheriff III position.

In-Kind Match: \$68,046 is budgeted to meet the 25% total project cost match requirement. \$68,046 is budgeted to fund 42.57% of salaries and benefits for a second full time equivalent Deputy Sheriff III investigator currently assigned fulltime to the Domestic Violence Unit.

**B. Operating Expenses- \$46,382**

Community-Based Organization (CBO) - Marjaree Mason Center

Victim Advocacy: \$46,382 is budgeted to fund 100% of one (1) Victim Advocate's salary and benefits, overtime and operational expenses for one year via a contract with the Marjaree Mason Center, a local Cal-OES funded Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program recipient.

**C. Equipment- \$0.00**

With these grant funds, the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will partially fund, 98.69%, of one (1) full-time equivalent deputy sheriff assigned to work full-time on domestic violence cases. \$68,046 is budgeted to fund 42.57% of salaries and benefits for a second full

time equivalent Deputy Sheriff III investigator currently assigned fulltime to the Domestic Violence Unit, to meet the 25% project match requirement.

This detective and the advocate funded through this grant will work on the project fulltime to ensure all objectives and activities are met, with the ultimate goal of protecting victims of domestic violence. They will work hand in hand to ensure the successful outcome of this grant. The detectives will complete follow-up investigations and respond after hours as needed on domestic violence investigations conducted throughout Fresno County.

Any training cost will be paid out of the general fund of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to ensure all grant money is directed towards meeting and exceeding the objectives of the grant. The allocated funds are meant to minimize administrative costs and support direct services in order to meet and exceed the goals and objectives proposed in this grant.

All duties of the project-funded staff will be directed full-time towards the grant to ensure all objectives are completed in accordance with this grant proposal. The project-funded staff will provide victim advocacy to victims of domestic violence, provide for the coordination and investigation of domestic violence cases, training, protocols for sustainable response, community collaboration and reporting requirements to fulfill the goals and objectives of this grant.

The MOU and this grant proposal clearly state the terms and conditions of the contract with the Marjaree Mason Center and the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to provide one full-time victim's advocate for this program. This advocate will provide advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence, refer clients to services, collaborate with the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office to provide referral information and pamphlets on domestic violence, offer training and collaborate to create and strengthen protocols and procedures related to inter-agency accountability.

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The Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center will collaborate to fulfill the goals and objectives of this grant. Because the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will be providing funding to the Marjaree mason Center via this grant, the Marjaree Mason Center will be a "Subcontractor" who will be providing the services described within the grant proposal.

## PROJECT SERVICE AREA INFORMATION

1. COUNTY OR COUNTIES SERVED: Enter the name(s) of the county or counties served by the project. Put an asterisk where the project's principal office is located.

County of Fresno

2. U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the U.S. Congressional District(s) which the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.

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3. STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the State Assembly District(s) which the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.

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4. STATE SENATE DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the State Senate District(s) that the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.

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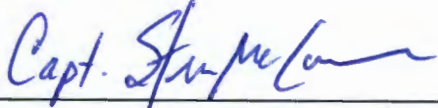
5. POPULATION OF SERVICE AREA: Enter the total population of the area served by the project.

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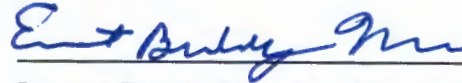
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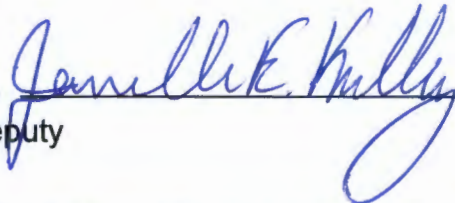
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