



Board Agenda Item 23

DATE: November 2, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa A. Smittcamp, District Attorney

SUBJECT: Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment form for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution program with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment form for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution program was approved by your Board with the grant application/agreement on September 7, 2021. However, this form needs to be signed by the Chairman rather than the District Attorney. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, the revenue, appropriations and staffing (one Deputy District Attorney IV and one Victim Advocate) associated with this program will be eliminated.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Revenues of \$202,545, and required 25% Net County Cost match of \$67,515, total \$270,060 for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution program budget, and are included in the FY 2021-22 District Attorney Org 2860 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution program funds one Deputy District Attorney IV position to vertically prosecute domestic violence cases from the rural areas of Fresno County. Fresno County is one of eleven counties that have been successful at competing for these funds since 1998.

Fresno County was notified by Cal OES on September 15, 2021, that the application for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution program was received but that the Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment form will need to be signed by the Chairman to complete the application process. To resolve this oversight, the department is requesting Board approval of the Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment form.

If grant funding for this program is discontinued, all associated positions will be eliminated.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #30, September 7, 2021
BAI #45, December 15, 2020
BAI #25, October 6, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk -Cal OES Subrecipient Assessment

CAO ANALYST:

Yussel Zalapa