



Application Cover Sheet

RFA PROCESS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION

Submitted by:

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Grant Subaward Face Sheet – Cal OES 2-101 (Revised 5/2016)

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Subrecipient: County of Fresno

Subaward #: VV16080100

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.**

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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:

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Title: Chairman, Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Subaward #: VV16080100

Subrecipient: County of Fresno

Implementing Agency: District Attorney


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

***Project Director:** Jeff Dupras

Signature: 

Date: 6.16.16

***Financial Officer:** Stephen Rusconi

Signature: 

Date: 6/16/16

The following persons are authorized to sign for the
Project Director


Signature

Stephen Wright

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

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Print Name

Signature

Print Name

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Print Name

The following persons are authorized to sign for the
Financial Officer


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Ruth Falcon

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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: District Attorney

PROJECT TITLE: Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution 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:

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Email: BMims@co.fresno.ca.us

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, Fresno County Board of Supervisors

Date Executed: _____

Federal Employer ID #: 94-6000512 Federal DUNS # 030363902

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: January 6, 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: Vicki Crow

Typed Name: Vicki Crow

Title: Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy

Project Narrative

Located in the center of California, the County of Fresno encompasses 5,958 square miles with the eastern boundary located 135 miles from the western boundary. By geographic size, it is the sixth largest county in California. As of July 1, 2015, the total population of Fresno County was estimated to be 974,861 making it the fifth most populous county in California. The County's major urban area, located in the center of the County, is the city of Fresno where approximately 520,000 people live. 454,800 people, or over 46% of the population, reside in the rural regions of the county. Some of these people live in the smaller cities and towns of Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg which are located along the 21 mile stretch of State Route 99 that runs south from Fresno. Others live in the towns of Sanger, Parlier, Reedley, and Orange Cove which are located in the southeastern parts of Fresno County. The remaining residents live in smaller towns and population centers, such as Huron, Coalinga, Mendota, Kerman and Firebaugh, which are scattered over 60 miles of rural agricultural lands in western Fresno County.

Fresno County is one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the state. As of 2014, the residents of Fresno County claimed the following racial identities: 51.9% Hispanic, 30.9% White, 10.7% Asian, 5.9% African American, 5.0% Native American, with over 3% of the population identifying with at least two ethnicities. As of 2014, 44% of the population over 5 years of age spoke a language other than English at home.

(Source: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/>)

Fresno County struggles with poverty and unemployment. As of 2014, 27.5% of the population of Fresno County lived below the poverty line. This is over 10% above the California statewide rate of 16.4%. Fresno County's median household income of \$45,201 between the years 2010 and 2014 substantially lags behind the State of California median household income of \$61,489. As of March of 2016, the unemployment rate in Fresno County was 10.5%, a figure

that significantly surpasses the state unemployment rate of 5.7% and the national unemployment rate of 4.9%. (Source: State of California Employment Development Department)

While Fresno County remains the most productive agricultural county in the nation, exceeding \$7 billion dollars in 2014, agricultural laborers face significant hardships. A significant portion of agricultural laborers are undocumented workers who do not speak English. They face unemployment based on changing weather patterns, drought, and seasonal changes. These hardships intensified in 2015 when the severe drought in Central California resulted in The Fresno County Supervisors declaring an emergency. (Source: Fresno County Declares Drought Emergency; March 24, 2015; www.abc30.com.) Although the severity of the drought has decreased in some areas, Fresno County is still considered to be an area of extreme or exceptional drought as of April 2016. (Source: U.S. Drought Monitor) Many of these laborers are also geographically isolated and are often estranged from law enforcement. Also, many of these agricultural laborers come from communities that lack awareness of the devastating consequences of domestic violence.

Poverty and its associated stress is a key contributor to intimate partner violence. Although violence occurs in all socioeconomic groups, it is more frequent and more severe in lower income groups across such diverse settings as the United States, Nicaragua, and India. (Source: The Lancet, Vol. 359, "Intimate Partner Violence: Causes and Prevention." pgs. 1423-1429.) Thus, it is not surprising that Fresno County has an extremely high incidence of domestic violence related crime. In 2014, Fresno County had 6352 domestic violence calls for assistance. (Source: California Department of Justice and California Department of Finance.) According to Kidsdata.org, a program of The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, the rate of domestic violence calls for Californians generally is 6 per 1,000 people, but for those living in Fresno County, the rate is a shocking 10.2 per 1,000 people.

According to STAR (DA Case Management System), from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office reviewed 9,320 felony filing requests from law enforcement which included 2,440 felony domestic violence filing requests. The Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed 1,457 felony domestic violence cases or 59% of these felony domestic filing requests. Of the 2,440 domestic violence cases submitted for filing, 688 were investigated by rural policing agencies. These rural agencies are the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, and the Police Departments of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger and Selma. Many of these smaller towns have faced significant budget reductions severely impacting their police departments. Due to budget restrictions in the smaller police agencies, many are staffed by younger, less experienced police officers. In addition, most cannot afford to have dedicated domestic violence investigator positions in their agencies, so investigations are frequently lacking. Fresno County's culturally diverse, large non-English speaking rural population, large geographic area, and high unemployment with associated poverty rates pose a barrier to the effective prosecution of domestic violence crime in the rural areas of the county. These barriers are increased when dealing with rural domestic violence victims who are reluctant to report or cooperate with prosecution because of their residency status or geographical isolation. When combined with cuts to law enforcement budgets, it can make domestic violence prosecution in the rural areas problematic without VAW-VP funding.

In the summer of 2012, access to justice for victims of domestic violence in rural communities was further curtailed when the Fresno County Superior Court announced the closure of all of the satellite courts. Located in the rural communities, the satellite courts of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Reedley, and Kingsburg allowed felony domestic violence victims to attend all court hearings from arraignment to preliminary hearing in close proximity to their places of residence. The courts were closed unilaterally in order to cut costs and they remain closed today. Unfortunately, this has greatly increased the travel time it takes for rural domestic

violence victims to get to court. For example, a rural domestic violence victim located in Coalinga must now travel 70 miles each way to Fresno in order to attend court proceedings. A victim in Firebaugh must travel 44 miles each way. Finally, a victim in Orange Cove must travel 33.5 miles each way.

All domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault cases among individuals in domestic relationships that occur in the rural areas of Fresno County are routed to the VAW-VP prosecutor for review to determine if the case meets the project criteria. The cases that are considered “serious and violent felonies”; and therefore meet project criteria include crimes that are listed in California Penal Code Sections 667.5(c) and 1192.7(c) and crimes that involve serious injury, the use of a weapon, repeat domestic violence offenders, the presence of children during the crime, threats of serious bodily injury or death to the victim and/or the victim’s family and cases with multiple victims including children and other family members. Serious injuries include a visible injury requiring medical attention or strangulation to the point where the victim loses consciousness.

With VAW-VP funding, one experienced and highly trained felony prosecutor and one experienced bilingual victim advocate are designated to prosecute rural domestic violence cases. VAW-VP funding allows the prosecutor to have a reduced case load and spend more time working up cases in order to get the most appropriate sentence in each case. The victim advocate uses VAW-VP funding to travel in the VAW-VP funded vehicle to make contact with the victims in the rural communities, provide victim services, and provide transportation to court. Furthermore, many of the rural domestic violence victims speak Spanish as a primary language and the bilingual victim advocate helps the unit prosecutor effectively communicate to each victim the progress of their individual case.

Currently, VAW-VP funding provides for a part-time investigator that is assigned to the unit. The VAW-VP investigator significantly helps develop VAW-VP cases and his work ensures better conviction rates that result in longer prison sentences. Many of the cases submitted to

the VAW-VP funded prosecutor are missing essential information that is required to secure a conviction and the rural agencies are unable to conduct further investigation. Therefore, necessary follow-up investigation often falls on the VAW-VP unit. The VAW-VP investigator and VAW-VP prosecutor also combine their experience to provide essential training to the law enforcement officers in the smaller agencies on how to conduct domestic violence investigations. In past grant years, funding for the part-time investigator has been removed from the VAW-VP unit. Continued funding of the part-time investigator helps ensure that the VAW-VP unit is able successfully to prosecute domestic violence in the rural communities.

The VAW-VP Unit has been very successful. During the 2015 grant period, the unit received 36 new felony cases. In the same time period the unit obtained 33 felony dispositions. These convictions resulted in the defendants serving a total of 859 months in custody or almost 72 years. In 2015 the VAW-VP prosecutor trained approximately 130 people on the issues involved in investigation and prosecution of domestic violence cases including treatment program specialists, victim advocates, and law enforcement personnel. The VAW-VP prosecutor also sat on a panel that served to educate the Hispanic community about the role of the District Attorney's Office with regard to domestic violence. Without VAW-VP funding, these serious and violent domestic violence cases committed against rural domestic violence victims would not receive the same high level of attention by an overburdened criminal justice system.

PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION

a. TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL PROPOSED STAFF

The VAW-VP Unit consists of a prosecutor with more than twelve years of prosecution experience, a bilingual victim advocate with more than thirteen years of experience and a part-time investigator with more than 21 years of law enforcement experience. The current grant prosecutor was assigned to the unit in February 2015, after previously having been assigned to

the unit from 2009-2011. The grant prosecutor has over five years of experience prosecuting felony domestic violence cases. She has handled more than two hundred felony domestic violence cases, has tried six domestic violence jury trials to verdict, and has obtained felony convictions in every trial. The prosecutor has successfully introduced evidence of defendants' other acts of domestic violence, statements of recanting victims, and domestic violence experts to obtain domestic violence convictions. The prosecutor has attended numerous classes dealing with domestic violence and stalking, including a four day conference presented by the National District Attorneys' Association and a three day conference presented by the California District Attorneys' Association. The prosecutor is experienced in providing domestic violence training to law enforcement officers and victim advocates.

The victim advocate was assigned to this Unit in June 2003 and has complied with the Evidence Code Sections 1037-1037.7 mandates. The victim advocate continues to attend different types of related training as courses are offered and the resources allow.

The part-time investigator was recently assigned to the VAW-VP unit. He has 21 years of law enforcement experience and was formerly employed by the Fresno Police Department. His duties while employed by the Fresno Police Department included responding to homicide, attempt homicide, and sexual assault crimes. He also interviewed in-custody felony suspects in sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

b. CRITERIA FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO VAW-VP PROSECUTION

The VAW-VP prosecutor follows the following criteria in assigning cases to the project. First, the victim must initially have given a truthful statement regarding the incident, the extent of the victim's injuries, and identified the perpetrator. This is in response to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1219. In addition to the first requirement, at least one of the following must apply: 1) the victim sustained a serious, visible injury; 2) the defendant has a documented

history of domestic violence; 3) a weapon was used; 4) threats of death or serious bodily injury were made; 5) additional victims, such as children or other family members, were present; or 6) the allegations involved strangulation. The VAW-VP prosecutor also looks for cases where there are corroborating witnesses to all or part of the attack. This is also in direct response to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1219.

c. PLAN FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG PROJECT STAFF

The current VAW-VP staff has been working well together on all VAW-VP domestic violence cases. Through the use of e-mail, text messaging and direct phone communication, the unit prosecutor, the unit victim advocate and the unit part-time investigator stay in constant contact regarding each case assigned to the VAW-VP grant. Also, the unit prosecutor and the victim advocate are in attached offices and work with an open door policy in order to maximize communication.

d. CASE REFERRAL TO VAW-VP VICTIM ADVOCATE

At the time a case is filed and assigned to the grant, the victim advocate is alerted and directed to initiate contact with the victim for the purposes of informing her or him about the case arraignment date, future potential court hearings and explanation of all available services. The victim advocate continues to assist the victim by attending all court hearings and continuing to offer support to the victim throughout the criminal prosecution process; most often concluding with the defendant's sentencing hearing. The current victim advocate is bilingual in the English and Spanish languages. The victim advocate keeps track of all case referrals and all services received by victims in an electronic database powered by Microsoft Access.

e. **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LOCAL VICTIM SERVICE AGENCIES**

The VAW-VP prosecutor initiates and leads the quarterly multi-disciplinary meetings called the Rural Roundtable meeting. The meetings are held at different locations to help increase participation rates among the rural law enforcement agencies and the victim advocacy groups. Each meeting has an agenda, minutes are kept, and attendance is recorded. Also, a comprehensive phone list of Rural Roundtable participants has been created, distributed and kept up to date so all law enforcement groups and victim advocacy groups can quickly provide services to rural victims of domestic violence.

The VAW-VP prosecutor has continued to provide training to law enforcement agencies as stated above. The VAW-VP prosecutor has created and kept up to date a one hour power-point presentation designed to teach law enforcement how to more effectively investigate domestic violence crimes. The VAW-VP prosecutor recently had both a two-hour and four-hour domestic violence update training course certified by POST and has begun to provide those to the rural law enforcement agencies. The VAW-VP prosecutor will continue to teach a two hour class on domestic violence criminal procedure at the Marjaree Mason center for victim advocate certification.

The rural policing agencies in Fresno County refer victims of domestic violence to several different local victim services agencies upon initial contact. In rural western Fresno County, Rape Counseling Service, through the Carmen Meza Center, offers counseling services to sexual assault victims and to domestic violence victims who are victims of sexual assault. They maintain offices in Firebaugh. The Westside Family Services Network, located in Huron, California, offers domestic violence services to victims in the city of Huron and the surrounding area. The Marjaree Mason Center, located in Fresno, California, has assigned a victim advocate to work with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. The Marjaree Mason Center also

runs a domestic violence shelter and provides legal services to domestic violence victims, including victims in the rural communities of Mendota, Kerman and San Joaquin. All of the victim services agencies regularly attend the Rural Roundtable Meetings and the VAW-VP bilingual victim advocate constantly keeps in contact with each agency.

f. AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION OF REQUIRED POLICIES

The VAW-VP prosecutor makes a concerted effort to prevent the pre-trial release of a charged defendant. Methods employed include moving the court to set appropriate bail for the arraignment hearing, correctly identifying and charging all applicable sentencing enhancements in the criminal complaint, objecting to bail reduction below the local bail schedule amount, moving to increase bail beyond the local bail schedule amount when warranted, and making all appropriate legal objections and arguments including the use of California Penal Code Section 1270.1 to prevent the court from ordering the defendant to be released from custody prior to trial.

The VAW-VP prosecutor makes all reasonable prosecutorial efforts to reduce the time between arrest and final disposition of the case. This is achieved by objecting to all continuances and delays unless there is good cause as defined by law, promptly providing discovery to defense counsel, and being prepared to proceed as soon as possible for either a preliminary hearing or a jury trial.

The VAW-VP prosecutor and victim advocate maintain a reduced caseload. This is achieved by selecting only cases that meet the defined grant case criteria and monitoring the caseload to determine if more rigid or lenient criteria need to be implemented in order to maintain the reduced caseload. The caseload for both the VAW-VP prosecutor and victim advocate are recorded in electronic databases powered by Microsoft Access which allows for the preparation of grant reports and ensures accurate statistics are recorded.

g. STAFF SELECTION

The prosecutor assigned to the grant must have previous significant experience prosecuting domestic violence cases. All potential grant prosecutors must have at least two years of felony trial experience before they are eligible for assignment to the VAW-VP grant.

The victim advocate must have at least two years of experience working with domestic violence victims and must have attended domestic violence advocacy training. Also, the victim advocate must speak Spanish as a second language. The victim advocate must meet all requirements set forth in Evidence Code Sections 1037-1037.7. All staff must be assigned to the VAW-VP Unit for at least 18 months and positions are rotated as infrequently as possible so as to maintain individual relationships with victims, law enforcement officers, and victim advocates.

The current VAW-VP prosecutor has nine years of felony trial experience with seven years of felony domestic violence trial experience. The current prosecutor has been assigned to the VAW-VP grant since February 2015 but was previously assigned to the grant for two years from 2009 to 2011. The current VAW-VP victim advocate is bilingual, has thirteen years of experience and has been assigned to the VAW-VP grant for thirteen years. The back-up VAW-VP prosecutor has nearly thirty years of trial experience and is the Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**a. During the Grant Year the Project Will Vertically Prosecute 35-45 Cases Involving Serious and Violent Domestic Violence Crimes**

The VAW-VP Unit has accepted the following number of cases in the previous grant years.

<u>GRANT YEAR (July 1 to June 30)</u>	<u>Accepted Cases</u>
2006-2007	35
2007-2008	33
2008-2009	40
2009-2010	43
2010-2011	45
2011-2012	43
2012-2013	33
2013-2014	32
2014-2015	26
2015-2016	36

The VAW-VP Unit expects to accept and prosecute 35-45 cases in the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 grant year. In the current grant year, the VAW-VP Unit has seen a high number of accepted cases involving extreme violence or cases where the defendant had multiple prior "strike" convictions. Currently, there are three serious stabbing cases and three sexual assault cases pending jury trial. All of these cases require extensive preparation and follow-up investigation in order to secure a successful prosecution.

b. OF THE CASES VERTICALLY PROSECUTED, 80% WILL BE PROSECUTED USING TRUE VERTICAL PROSECUTION, 10% WILL BE PROSECUTED USING MAJOR STAGE VERTICAL PROSECUTION, AND 10% WILL BE PROSECUTED USING UNIT VERTICAL PROSECUTION

In previous grant years, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office had set a goal of prosecuting 65% of grant cases using true vertical prosecution. An unintended consequence of the closure of the satellite courts has been that all rural domestic violence cases are now heard in Fresno, California. The VAW-VP Unit prosecutor no longer makes appearances in the satellite courts and is better able to manage her court calendar. The only time the Unit prosecutor does not personally make an appearance on a case is when the prosecutor is in trial or taking approved leave. The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has been successful in achieving its increased vertical prosecution goal set last year of 80% true vertical, 10% major stage vertical and 10% unit vertical prosecution.

All cases are reviewed for crime charging by the VAW-VP Unit prosecutor and processed by a domestic violence unit secretary or office assistant. This allows the VAW-VP Unit prosecutor to personally manage the appearance schedule and personally cover as many hearings as possible while managing the trial calendar. The VAW-VP Unit prosecutor consistently will attempt to exceed the proposed vertical prosecution goal of 80% whenever possible by working with court staff to limit calendaring conflicts. When the VAW-VP Unit prosecutor is unavailable to cover a Unit case, there is one designated back up prosecutor who has nearly thirty years of experience prosecuting criminal cases, ten of those years in the domestic violence unit.

c. DURING THE GRANT PERIOD, VICTIM ADVOCACY WILL PROVIDE SERVICES TO 35-45 VICTIMS

The unit victim advocate's role is to help guide victims through the often intimidating and confusing criminal justice system. This begins as soon as a case is selected for unit prosecution. The VAW-VP Unit prosecutor immediately informs the victim advocate of the case selection. The advocate then makes her own file on the case and immediately attempts to make contact with the victim by phone in order to introduce herself and to assess the victim's needs. In addition, the advocate mails an introductory letter to the victim within five days of case selection. If repeated attempts to make contact with the victim by phone are unsuccessful, the victim advocate makes a home visit to the victim as long as it is safe to do so.

The victim advocate attends all court appearances with the prosecutor in order to assist the victim in court, answer any questions about the court process, and act as a support person to the victim. The victim advocate is able to provide transportation for the victim to and from court if needed. The victim advocate is the contact person for the victim throughout the case to provide support, keep the victim informed, and offer insight to the VAW-VP Unit prosecutor regarding the concerns and attitudes of the victim. Additionally, the victim advocate offers educational materials, makes referrals to community service agencies for counseling and other services, and helps the victim fill out Victim Restitution Fund applications. She provides assistance with transportation to other related locations, such as to community service agencies offering legal services to domestic violence victims on issues such as restraining orders or child custody and to medical appointments related to the victimization.

With the closure of the Fresno County satellite courts, it has become even more important for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office to continue to receive funding for the VAW-VP victim advocate. In the past, victims of rural domestic violence often would show up at the satellite court locations for the initial arraignment and this would provide a first opportunity

for the victim advocate to meet the victim in person. However, now with all cases being heard in downtown Fresno, the victim advocate has to make more trips into the rural areas in order to meet and provide services to the rural domestic violence victims. Many of our victims do not have access to regular transportation, regular mail service, or regular telephone service. The VAW-VP victim advocate is becoming the only reliable tool that the Unit prosecutor has to reach the rural domestic violence victims.

d. DURING THE GRANT PERIOD, THE ASSIGNED PROSECUTOR WILL ATTEND FOUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETINGS AND THE ASSIGNED VICTIM ADVOCATE WILL ATTEND FOUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY MEETINGS.

Rural Roundtable Domestic Violence Meetings are held quarterly. The last meetings have been held at the Kerman Community Center, the Reedley Community Center, and the Clovis Police Department. The next meeting is scheduled for July, 2016. The meeting location rotates among rural policing agencies and victim services organizations to ensure the attendance of as many members as possible. At those meetings, the VAW-VP prosecutor and victim advocate meet with victim advocates, counselors, shelter representatives, and members of law enforcement. The meetings allow members the opportunity to exchange information and ask questions with the ultimate goal of improving services to domestic violence victims in the rural communities.

Although the meeting is held consistently on the third Tuesday of the month, all agencies are e-mailed a meeting reminder two weeks prior to the meeting and are given the opportunity to provide meeting topics that can be addressed during the meeting. The VAW-VP prosecutor creates the agenda and an attendance list is kept of all meeting participants. The VAW-VP prosecutor has met all of the directors of the victim service organizations and many of the Police Chiefs that oversee the rural policing agencies at the Rural Roundtable meeting. The Rural

Roundtable continues to be a great tool to ensure there is open dialogue between the different agencies and provides a vehicle for the swift resolution of issues.

e. DURING THE GRANT PERIOD THE ASSIGNED PROSECUTOR'S CASELOAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM 40 TO 20 AVERAGE ACTIVE MONTHLY CASES

The Fresno County District Attorney Domestic Violence Team consists of nine attorneys assigned to prosecute felony domestic violence cases that occur inside the city limits of Fresno, California, and rural domestic violence cases not meeting VAW-VP guidelines. The unit is supervised by a Chief Deputy District Attorney. She handles day to day administration, provides coverage for attorneys in trial or out of the office, makes filing decisions on pending requests for criminal prosecutions, but does not carry a caseload. Four of the prosecutors are assigned as full time trial deputies and carry a large caseload of domestic violence cases that are past preliminary hearing. Four of the prosecutors are assigned preliminary hearing blocks as well as a small number of vertically prosecuted trials. The monthly average caseload for a domestic violence prosecutor is approximately 40 active cases per month. The average caseload of the VAW-VP prosecutor is approximately 20 cases per month. This reduced caseload has enabled the grant prosecutor to participate in the initial investigation of the case, form close working relationships with rural law enforcement officers, travel to outlying areas, meet personally with victims and witnesses before court and ultimately improve conviction rates in grant cases.

The VAW-VP prosecutor will continue to maintain a reduced caseload through the strict employment of the grant case acceptance criteria as stated in the "CRITERIA FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO VAW-VP PROSECUTION" section of this narrative. The unit prosecutor remains focused on the grant objectives and policies including the goals of true vertical prosecution, the reduction of the pre-trial release of defendants and the reduction of the time period between arrest and the final case disposition.

Budget Narrative

The proposed Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Project budget supports one level IV **Deputy District Attorney**, one **Victim Advocate** and one **Senior DA Investigator** position. All items included in the budget are devoted 100% to “project” activity.

This budget directs 100% of the \$283,862 total cost to salaries and benefits in direct support of the project. Salaries and benefits make up 100% of the budget and fund the project prosecutor who is an experienced Deputy District Attorney IV with felony trial and DV experience, the bilingual Victim Advocate who has attended advocate training and 17% FTE Senior DA Investigator. Operating expenses will be funded by Fresno County.

The level IV **Deputy District Attorney position** will ensure that the project prosecutors will be highly experienced in the handling of felony trial matters. The **Senior DA Investigator** will assist the prosecutor with case related investigation and be highly experienced in the handling of felony trial matters. The **Victim Advocate position** will have experience in dealing with victims and will possess education/training as specified in Evidence Code Sections 1035.5-1036 (Domestic Violence) and/or 1037.1-1037.8 (Sexual Assault) and/or Penal Code section 13835.10 (Victim/Witness) as outlined in the Program Guidelines. The Unit’s victim advocate will work cooperatively with the Marjaree Mason Center, the Fresno County Sheriff’s Department and other interested community agencies to provide services. Those services include the following activities: 1) crisis intervention, 2) emergency assistance, 3) resource and referral assistance, 4) direct counseling, 5) assist with victim of crime claims, 6) property return, 7) orientation to the criminal justice system, 8) court escort, 9) presentations and trainings for criminal justice agencies, 10) public presentations, 11) case status, 12) notification of family/friends, 13) employer notification/intervention and 14) restitution.

The current victim advocate is bilingual, has over 12 years’ experience in the current VAW-VP program, and has handled over 330 VAW-VP cases.

The above-mentioned prosecutor-victim advocate partnership as supported in the budget is well positioned to effectively achieve the stated goals of the project.

This project will not require subcontractors or have any unusual expenditures.

Program staff does not have a planned cost of living adjustment for 2016-17.

COUNTY OF FRESNO
BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

This Policy Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office intends to adopt the following policies:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will make all reasonable prosecutorial efforts to resist pre-trial release of a charged defendant.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will make all reasonable efforts to utilize diversion alternative only in appropriate cases.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will make all reasonable prosecutorial efforts to reduce the time between arrest and disposition of the case.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will ensure that the prosecutors, advocates and investigators funded (in full or part) by this grant will maintain a reduced caseload.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will assign a prosecutor for a minimum of eighteen months.

This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.


We the undersigned, as authorized representative of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, do hereby approve this document.


LISA A. SMITH-CAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

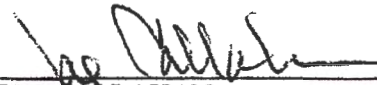
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Date 6-8-15

Operational Agreements (OA) Summary Form

List of Agencies/Organizations/Individuals	Date OA Signed (xx/xx/xxxx)	Dates of OA	
		From:	To:
1. Fresno County Probation-Victim/Witness	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
2. Fresno County Sheriff	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
3. Fresno County Social Services	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
4. Clovis Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
5. Coalinga Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
6. Firebaugh Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
7. Fowler Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
8. Huron Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
9. Kerman Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
10. Kingsburg Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
11. Marjorie Mason Center	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
12. Mendota Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
13. Orange Cove Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
14. Parlier Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
15. Rape Counseling Services	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
16. Reedley Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
17. Sanger Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
18. Selma Police Department	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
19. Westside Family Services Network	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019
20. Community Regional Medical Center	06/17/2016	07/01/2016	to 06/30/2019

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OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Fresno County Probation James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center and Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County Probation James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center; intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for victims of domestic violence crime residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

Fresno County Probation James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center agrees to work with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP's Victim Advocate to provide services to targeted victims of domestic violence in the rural areas of Fresno County, particularly among the migrant worker and non-English speaking populations.


Fresno County Probation James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center agrees to provide court support and other related services to victims of domestic violence prosecute under the VAW-VP grant if the VAW-VP victim advocate is unable to do so.

Fresno County District Attorney Project staff will schedule and attend meetings between designated personnel to discuss strategies, timelines, and implementation of mandated services.

Coordination of services will be adjusted as needed through the exchange of updated information.


This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County Probation Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



MICHAEL L. ELLIOTT
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Fresno County Probation Department

Date 6/2/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Fresno County Sheriff's Office and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:


The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to deputies on both a formal and informal basis.

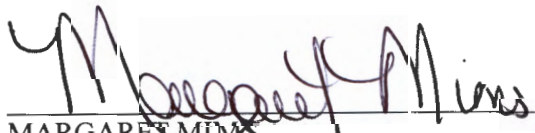
The Fresno County Sheriff's Office agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in Fresno County.

This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, do hereby approve this document.


LISA A. SMITHCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16


MARGARET MIMS
Fresno County Sheriff

Date 6/14/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Fresno County Department of Social Services and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County Department of Social Services and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for juvenile victims of domestic violence crime residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordination/providing the following services:


The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP will ensure that all rural law enforcement agencies cross report domestic violence cases involving children to Fresno County Department of Social Services for follow-up investigation.

The Fresno County Department of Social Services agrees to assess and provide services as appropriate to child victims of domestic violence.

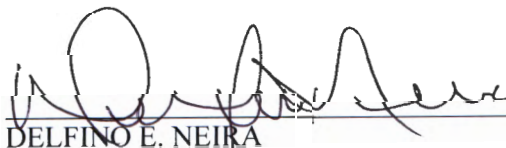
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County Department of Social Services, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/30/16



DELFINO E. NEIRA
Director
Fresno County Department of Social Services

Date 6/28/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Clovis Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Clovis Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Clovis Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Clovis Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

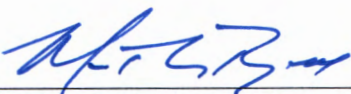
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Clovis Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



MATT BASGALL
Chief of Clovis Police Department
Clovis Police Department

Date 6/2/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Coalinga Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Coalinga Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Coalinga Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Coalinga Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

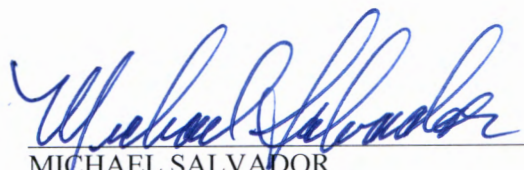
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Coalinga Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



MICHAEL SALVADOR
Chief of Coalinga Police Department
Coalinga Police Department

Date 6-13-16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Firebaugh Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Firebaugh Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Firebaugh Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Firebaugh Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

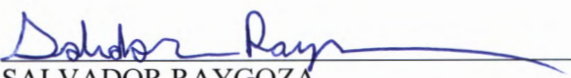
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Firebaugh Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



SALVADOR RAYGOZA
Chief of Firebaugh Police Department
Firebaugh Police Department

Date 6-1-16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Fowler Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fowler Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Fowler Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Fowler Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.


This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Fowler Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



MICHAEL BRAND
Chief of Fowler Police Department
Fowler Police Department

Date 6.3.16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Huron Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Huron Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Huron Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Huron Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

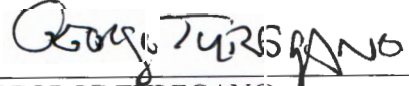
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Huron Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITHCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



GEORGE TUREGANO
Chief of Huron Police Department
Huron Police Department

Date 6-15-16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Kerman Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Kerman Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Kerman Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Kerman Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.


This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Kerman Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



JOSEPH BLOHM
Chief of Kerman Police Department
Kerman Police Department

Date 6/9/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Kingsburg Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Kingsburg Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Kingsburg Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Kingsburg Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

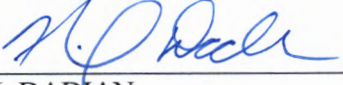
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Kingsburg Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



NEIL DADIAN
Chief of Kingsburg Police Department
Kingsburg Police Department

Date 6/13/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Marjaree Mason Center and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for victims of domestic violence crime residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordination/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP victim advocate will coordinate with the Marjaree Mason Center victim advocate assigned to the Fresno County Sheriff's Department to insure that all VAW-VP victims have an advocate accompany them to each court appearance and on other occasions where required. Therefore, if an occasion arises where the VAW-VP is unavailable, a Marjaree Mason Center victim advocate will be available to assist VAW-VP victims in court.

Battered women's support groups will also be available to VAW-VP grant victims as provided by the Marjaree Mason Center.

This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Marjaree Mason Center, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



GENELLE TAYLOR KUMPE
Executive Director
The Marjaree Mason Center

Date 6/1/2016

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Mendota Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Mendota Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Mendota Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Mendota Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.


This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Mendota Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



GREGG L. ANDREOTTI
Chief of Mendota Police Department
Mendota Police Department

Date 6/3/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Orange Cove Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Orange Cove Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:


The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Orange Cove Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Orange Cove Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.


This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Orange Cove Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



MARTY RIVERA
Chief of Orange Cove Police Department
Orange Cove Police Department

Date 6-14-16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Parlier Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Parlier Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Parlier Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Parlier Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

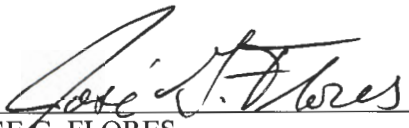
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Parlier Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITHCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



JOSE G. FLORES
Chief of Parlier Police Department
Parlier Police Department

Date 6/1/2016

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Rape Counseling Services of Fresno County and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement ("agreement") is made between the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and Rape Counseling Services of Fresno County, which consists of offices in downtown Fresno and in Firebaugh and was formerly known as the Resource Center for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Family Violence and the Carmen Meza Center ("RCS Fresno").

This agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and RCS Fresno intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for victims of rape and sexual violence residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordination/providing the following services:

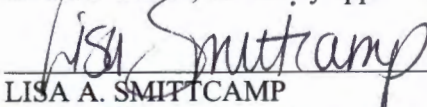
The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of rape and sexual violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious offenders in rural Fresno County. The rural areas of western Fresno County have large underserved communities of migrant workers.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP victim advocate will coordinate with RCS Fresno to insure that all VAW-VP victims have a victim advocate accompany them to each court appearance and on other occasions where required. Therefore, if an occasion arises where the VAW-VP is unavailable, an RCS Fresno victim advocate will be available to assist VAW-VP victims for all cases arising in Fresno County, including rural areas. A bilingual Spanish/English RCS Fresno victim advocate can be dispatched.

RCS Fresno will provide, upon request, counseling services to rape and sexual violence victims in the western rural areas of Fresno County. Counseling services are available in English and Spanish.

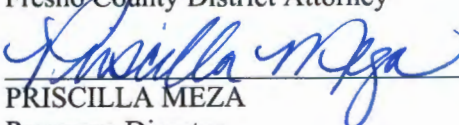
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the RCS Fresno, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



PRISCILLA MEZA
Programs Director
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno County

Date 6.2.16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Reedley Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Reedley Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:


The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Reedley Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Reedley Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Reedley Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



JOE L. GARZA
Chief of Reedley Police Department
Reedley Police Department

Date 6/14/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Selma Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Selma Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Selma Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Selma Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

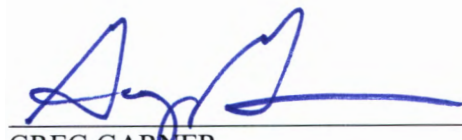
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Selma Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



GREG GARNER
Chief of Selma Police Department
Selma Police Department

Date 6/11/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Sanger Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Sanger Police Department intend to work together toward the mutual goal of prosecuting domestic violence offenders and protecting the victims from future crimes of domestic violence. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordinating/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP Unit Prosecutor will coordinate with the Sanger Police Department to insure that all VAW-VP cases are thoroughly investigated to ensure convictions. The Unit prosecutor will maintain close communications with and make training available to officers on both a formal and informal basis.

The Sanger Police Department agrees to investigate, apprehend and assist in the prosecution of domestic violence crimes committed within their jurisdiction in the rural Fresno County area.

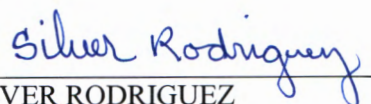
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Sanger Police Department, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



SILVER RODRIGUEZ
Chief of Sanger Police Department
Sanger Police Department

Date JUNE 1, 2016

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Westside Family Services Network and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and Westside Family Preservation Services Network intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for victims of domestic violence crimes residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordination/providing the following services:

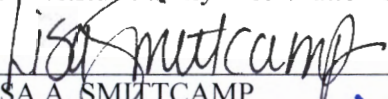
The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County. The population of Huron, California, includes a large underserved community of migrant workers.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP victim advocate will coordinate with the Westside Family Preservation Services Network, to insure that all VAW-VP victims have a victim advocate accompany them to each court appearance and on other occasions where required. Therefore, if an occasion arises where the VAW-VP is unavailable, a Westside Family Preservation Services Network victim advocate will be available to assist VAW-VP victims in Huron, California. All Westside Family Preservation Services Network victim advocates are bilingual in Spanish.

The Westside Family Preservation Services Network will provide, upon request, counseling services to domestic violence victims in the city of Huron, California. Counseling services are available in English and Spanish.

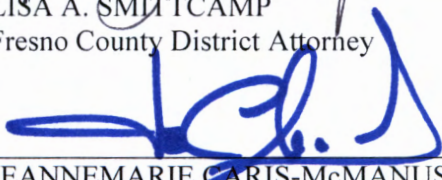
This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Westside Family Preservation Services Network, do hereby approve this document.



LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date 6/17/16



JEANNEMARIE CARIS-McMANUS
Executive Director of Services
Westside Family Preservation Services Network

Date 6/13/16

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Community Regional Medical Center and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center dba Community Regional Medical Center intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for victims of domestic violence crime residing in Fresno County. Both agencies believe that continued implementation of the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VAW-VP) will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program by coordination/providing the following services:

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office will enhance prosecution of domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County by assigning one prosecutor and one victim advocate to vertically prosecute serious domestic violence offenders in rural Fresno County.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP, will ensure that all efforts are made to protect domestic violence victim's medical privacy.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office VAW-VP, will ensure that all efforts are made to minimize delay in the Court process and ensure that medical staff subpoenaed for testimony are kept informed of the Court process.

The Community Regional Medical Center agrees to provide domestic violence victims with medical screening and reporting as provided in California Health and Safety Code 1259.5, California Penal Code 273.5(a) and California Penal Code 11160. As defined in the Community Regional Medical Center Domestic Violence Screening and Reporting Policy, number 18989, medical staff of Community Regional Medical Center will notify RN/Clinical Supervisor regarding victim's plan of care.

This operational agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office and the Community Regional Medical Center, do hereby approve this document.

LISA A. SMITTCAMP
Fresno County District Attorney

Date _____

CRAIG A. WAGONER, CEO
Community Regional Medical Center

Date _____

Women and Children's Services
Community Regional Medical Center

Date _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. GRANT AWARD NO. VV16080100

2. PROJECT TITLE Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution

3. GRANT PERIOD

7/1/16 to 6/30/17

4. APPLICANT

Name: County of Fresno Phone: (559) 600-4447

Address: 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000 Fax #: (559) 600-4100

City: Fresno Zip: 93721-2107

5. GRANT AMOUNT

(this is the same amount as 12G of the Grant Award Face Sheet)

\$ 283,862

6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Name: Fresno County District Attorney Phone: (559) 600-4447 Fax #: (559) 600-4100

Address: 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000 City: Fresno Zip: 93721-2107

7. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Fresno County VAW-VP provides funding for one highly experienced level IV Deputy District Attorney to vertically prosecute domestic violence cases in the outlying courts of Fresno County. The program will also utilize a full time victim advocate to provide needed support to the victims of domestic violence and an investigator with at least three years experience working in the investigation of sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking.

8. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Fresno County's cultural diversity, large rural population, and challenging economic factors pose a barrier to effective prosecution of domestic violence crimes, especially crimes affecting the underserved victims in the rural areas. In light of the current drought, unemployment has increased in the agricultural industry, adding stress within families, and increasing the number of domestic violence cases in the rural areas. Fresno County has an alarmingly high incidence of DV related crime. Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, Fresno County District Attorney's office reviewed 2,440 Felony Domestic Violence filing requests and filed 1,457 Felony Domestic Violence cases.

9. OBJECTIVES

1. Increase prosecution and conviction rates of violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, by accepting 35-45 cases per grant year.
2. Achieve vertical prosecution standards as measured by the number of cases to be prosecuted in each of the categories: True; Major Stage; Unit.
3. Ensure minimization of trauma to victims of specified crimes as measured in advocate employee direct services or referrals to local victim service agencies. During the grant period, the victim advocate will provide services to 35-45 victims.
4. During the grant period, the assigned prosecutor and victim advocate will attend multidisciplinary

10. ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: Prosecute a total of 35-45 cases.

Activity 2: Strive for True Vertical prosecution on majority of cases, by tracking, filing, & setting future court dates. Major Stage and Unit prosecution will be utilized only when scheduling conflicts

Activity 3A: Contact victims within 5 days of case acceptance to the VAWA unit.

Activity 3B: Provide victim services including support, transportation, educational materials, and agency referrals.

Activity 4: VAWA prosecutor and victim advocate will host and attend a Rural Round-table meeting quarterly.

11. EVALUATION (if applicable)**12. NUMBER OF CLIENTS**

(if applicable)

13. PROJECT BUDGET

(these are the same amounts as on Budget Pages)

	Personal Services	Operating Expenses	Equipment	TOTAL
	\$283,862	\$0	\$0	\$283,862
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
Totals:	\$283,862	\$0	\$0	\$283,862

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.

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.

18th District
19th District
20th District*
21st District

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.

23rd District
31st District*

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.

14th District
16th District*

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

974,861

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Complete this form to report the total funds available to support the activities related to accomplishing the goals and objectives of the Grant Award Agreement. In the "Grant Funds" column, report the Cal OES funds requested by category. In the "Other Funds" column, report all other funds available to support the project by category and then calculate the totals by category in the "Program Total" column. Total each column to arrive at the total program funds available.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (Enter numbers without \$ or decimal points.)			
BUDGET CATEGORY	GRANT FUNDS <i>(Use only the grant funds identified in the preceding budget pages.)</i>	OTHER FUNDS	PROGRAM TOTAL
Personal Services	212,897	70,965	\$283,862
Operating Expenses	0		\$0
Equipment	0	0	\$0
TOTAL	\$212,897	\$70,965	\$283,862

This form does not become part of the grant award.

PRIOR, CURRENT AND PROPOSED Cal OES FUNDING

List all currently funded Cal OES projects and all Cal OES grants awarded to the applicant during the last five fiscal years. Include the fiscal year of operation, the grant number and the amount of Cal OES funding. For current and proposed grants that include positions funded by more than one Cal OES grant, list these personnel by title and the percentage of the position funded by Cal OES. The percentage of funding must not exceed 100 percent for any one individual.

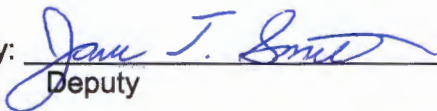
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FISCAL YEAR	GRANT NUMBER	GRANT AMOUNT	PERSONNEL BY TITLE	PERCENTAGE PAID BY Cal OES
2005-06	DC05160010	\$50,000	Project Director	25%
2005-06	CE05089504	\$67,000	Project Director	25%
2005-06	MS05040550	\$68,000	Project Director	50%

PRIOR, CURRENT AND PROPOSED Cal OES FUNDING				
FISCAL YEAR	GRANT NUMBER	GRANT AMOUNT	PERSONNEL BY TITLE	% of Cal OES FUNDING
2014-15	VV14060100	212,897	Deputy District Attorney	75%
2014-15	VV14060100		Victim/Witness Advocate	75%
2014-15	VV14060100		Senior DA Investigator	18%
2013-14	VV13050100	215,488	Deputy District Attorney	75%
2013-14	VV13050100		Victim/Witness Advocate	75%
2013-14	VV13050100		Senior DA Investigator	31%
2012-13	VV12040100	184,238	Deputy District Attorney	71%
2012-13	VV12040100		Victim/Witness Advocate	60%
2012-13	VV12040100		Senior DA Investigator	30%

This approvals signature page relates to a State of California Grant Application/Agreement for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program, Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division, Governor's Office of Emergency Services which Application is made by COUNTY OF FRESNO, a Political Subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of which the FRESNO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PUBLIC ADMINSTRATOR'S OFFICE is acting. The Grant period runs from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE as of the date set forth in the referenced Application/Agreement.


APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
DANIEL CEDERBORG, COUNTY
COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy

REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED
FOR APPROVAL: LISA A.
SMITTCAMP, DISTRICT ATTORNEY-
PUBLIC ADMISTRATOR

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING
FORM: VICKI CROW, C.P.A.
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREASURER-
TAX COLLECTOR

By: _____
Deputy

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