



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-452

MEETING: September 22, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Approve Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the 2015-2016 Victim Witness Assistance Program (VW) Grant Application Administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the Amount of \$100,506, Commencing July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Application. The Victim Witness Assistance Program grant commences July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and provides the District Attorney's Office with the ability to provide services to victims and witnesses of crime.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program is a year to year Grant, in which recipients are required to reapply each year. With the approval of the current application and upon approval by Cal OES this will be the District Attorney's 23rd year of funding through the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

This program funds 50% of the Victim Witness Coordinator position, an 80% Victim Advocate, and an Extra Help Office Assistant.

The District Attorney's Victim Witness Program is fully funded by State and Federal funds with no assistance from the General Fund.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved other grants submitted by the District Attorney's Office including the Victim Witness Program for the past 22 years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board chooses to not approve the application it will have a negative impact on the District Attorney's Victim Witness Programs ability to provide assistance to victims and witnesses of crime within Mariposa County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Victim Witness Assistance Program is fully funded with State and Federal Grant Funds. No additional General Funds will be used. This grant has been incorporated in the requested budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

ATTACHMENTS:
2015-16 VW grant (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hoatson

Mary Hoatson, CAO

9/15/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann