



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

District Attorney - 209 966 3626



## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-549**

MEETING: November 24, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Approve Amendment to Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant Program and Budget Action

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve an Amendment in the Amount of \$7,505 for the 2015-16 District Attorney's Victim Witness Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant (VV); and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Award Amendment; Approve Budget Action Increasing Revenue and Appropriations in the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Budget (VV) to Account for the Grant Amendment (\$5,629).

This grant is administered through the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES). Cal OES has allocated to the County of Mariposa an additional \$7,505, increasing the Grant from \$283,866 to \$291,371.

The Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program grant commences July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and provides the District Attorney's Office with the ability to develop a multi-disciplinary response team to improve the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. This unit is comprised of Victim Witness staff, a Deputy District Attorney, a Sheriff Department Investigator and community based domestic violence personnel (Mountain Crisis) who focus on the vertical prosecution of the defendant and comprehensive services for the victim(s). Vertical prosecution is shown to improve conviction rates, reduce victim trauma, and provide more consistent and appropriate sentencing. This is the 3rd and last year of funding through the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

With the increase of the grant award, the District Attorney's Office will allocate an additional \$3,000 to Mountain Crisis Services to allow for additional services provided by that office to victims of violent crimes against women. Additionally the grant money will provide funding for larger scanners for the Karpel case management system to accommodate the scanning of large volumes of data; a water cooler will be added to the Victim Witness Office and conference room for victims and witnesses that come to the office for interviews and consultations; and a smart TV will be added to the conference room in the Victim Witness Office to show videos on court etiquette and other media pertinent to victim's concerns. The grant amendment has a required

match of \$1,876 which will be in-kind through staff time of Deputy District Attorney assigned to this grant.

The District Attorney's Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Grant is fully funded by State and Federal funds with a required match in the amount of \$70,966 which will be in-kind from the staff time provided to this program by the Deputy District Attorney assigned to this grant program. The Deputy District Attorney is funded by the General Fund in the District Attorney Prosecution budget.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has approved other grant amendment submitted by the District Attorney's Office.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the Board chooses not to approve the amendment it could have a negative impact on the District Attorney's Victim Witness Program and their ability to provide assistance to victims of violent crimes against women within Mariposa County and could jeopardize the grant program receiving additional funds when available in the future.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**A required match of \$1,876 will be in-kind through the Deputy District Attorney assigned to this grant. The additional monies are funded by State and Federal funds with no impact on County General funds.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Budget action VV (PDF)**

**VV grant amendment (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Mary Hodson, CAO 11/19/2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier

**EXCUSED:** Kevin Cann

### BUDGET ACTION FORM

FUND	DEPT/DIV	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	INCREASE	DECREASE
001	0202-306	.72-22	Federal Revenue/Vertical Prosecution		(\$5,629)	
001	0202-480	.04-37	Mountain Crisis Contract		\$3,000	
001	0202-480	.04-17	Office Expense		\$2,629	
001	0104-414	1090	GENERAL CONTINGENCY			
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,629	\$0

TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS						
<b>TOTALS</b>					\$0	\$0

ACTION REQUESTED: (Check all that apply)

Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget , or appropriating Reserve for Contingencies;

Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

JUSTIFICATION:

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To approve augmentatin funding within the DA Vertical Prosecution Program budget (VV) Grant Program FY 15-16

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DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE Thomas K. Cooke DATE 11-3-15

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APPROVED BY RES NO. 15-549 CLERK Rene LaRoche DATE 11-24-15

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