

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: District Attorney

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 29, 2007

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY 2006-07 Parole Advocacy Program Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Adoption of Resolution 2007-336 and Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution 440-8730 submitted herewith.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve acceptance of the Parole Advocacy ("PA") grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services ("OES") for the grant period November 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
2. Adopt Resolution 2007-336 authorizing the District Attorney to submit applications to OES and sign agreements on behalf of the Board through FY 2009-10. If funding of the grant significantly changes, is altered or discontinued, the department will return to the Board.
3. Approve the attached Resolution 440-8730 to add 1 Victim Witness Advocate II position.
4. Increase the District Attorney's fleet by one vehicle.
5. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make budget adjustments as shown in Attachment A.

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Approved by Ronald W. Komers
Asst. County Executive Officer/
Human Resources Director

Kelly P. Keenan
Kelly P. Keenan, Assistant District Attorney for Rod Pacheco, District Attorney

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 80,000	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2006-2007

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Governor's Office of Emergency Services	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Lisa Brandl*
Lisa Brandl

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
BY: ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
N 0 4 2007
BY: *Suzanne Carr*, Deputy
6/1/07

Fleet Services:
Doug Baracz, Assistant Director

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy

Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND:

The Office of Emergency Services has awarded the District Attorney's Office the Parole Advocacy grant for the eight-month period starting November 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007. The second year will be for a 12-month period. This two-year pilot program provides direct advocacy services to victims of parolee crimes and victim-witnesses during parole revocation hearings. Continuation funding beyond the second year is contingent upon reauthorization of funds through the State Budget Act.

Under current law, when parolees violate the conditions of their parole, they may be returned to custody through the parole revocation process. If the matter is not resolved by the completion of the preliminary process, it is set for a parole revocation hearing. Victim-witnesses are summoned to attend the hearings in the presence of the accused, for which they receive no preparation, emotional support, or advocacy for their rights and personal safety. Victim-witnesses may be put at risk, traumatized, and manipulated through this process, resulting in further victimization and potential miscarriages of justice. No program currently exists to provide protection and support to victim-witnesses during the parole revocation hearing process. The key focus of the PA Program is providing assistance to victims and witnesses participating in the parole revocation hearing process and ensuring that involvement in the perpetrator's revocation of parole becomes part of a victim's road to recovery. The addition of a Victim Witness Advocate II will enable the District Attorney's Office to implement Riverside County's parole revocation hearing program and provide the following mandatory objectives:

- Parole Revocation Hearing Notification: provide victims and witnesses of all relevant information regarding the parole revocation process including but not limited to, the parole revocation hearings.
- Parole Revocation Hearing Escort: provide physical accompaniment during parole revocation hearings or interviews with law enforcement and prosecutors for victims and witnesses participating in the parole revocation hearing process.
- Coordination with Prosecution: coordinate with prosecution regarding new charges being considered, ongoing investigations, and other relevant information related to the parole revocation hearing process.
- Parole Agent Training: provide training to Parole Agents on dealing with victims and witnesses that become involved in the parole revocation hearing process.

The late start of the program is due to our office receiving the completed Grant Award Sheet in mid-May.

The grant award and resolution have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-336

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING
6 THE PAROLE ADVOCACY ("PA") PROGRAM
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8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside desires to undertake a certain program designated Parole
9 Advocacy ("PA") Program to be funded in part from funds made available through and administered by
10 the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as "OES"); now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,
12 State of California, in regular session assembled on June 26, 2007, that the Board of
13 Supervisors of the County of Riverside does hereby authorize the District Attorney of the County of
14 Riverside, State of California to submit and to sign Riverside County's application for grant funding as
15 well as related contracts, amendments, or extensions with OES.

16 IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this contract, including civil
17 court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency.
18 The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution shall be in effect for the period beginning
20 November 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2010.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant
22 local expenditures controlled by this body.

23 IT IS ALSO AGREED that this award is not subject to hiring freezes.
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1 RESOLUTION NO. 440-8730

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3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in
4 regular session assembled on June 26, 2007, that pursuant to Section 5.A. of
5 Ordinance No. 440, the District Attorney is authorized to make the following listed change(s), operative
6 on the date of approval, as follows:

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<u>Code</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Department ID</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
79788	+ 1	2200100000	Victim/Witness Advocate II

Attachment "A"

Increase Appropriations:

10000-2200100000-510040:	Regular Salaries	\$36,022
10000-2200100000-518100:	Budgeted Benefits	16,909
	Subtotal	<u>52,931</u>
10000-2200100000-523700:	General Operating Expense	12,869
10000-2200100000-524560:	Auditing and Accounting	1,200
10000-2200100000-528920:	Carpool Expense	13,000
	TOTAL	<u>\$ \$80,000</u>

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-2200100000-752430:	CA – Parole Advocacy	\$ \$80,000
	Net County Cost	\$ 0