

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

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FROM: District Attorney

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Fiscal Year 2011 Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program Grant Application and Adoption of Resolution No. 2011-084.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution 2011-084 designating the Riverside County District Attorney's Office (DA's Office) to administer grant funds and assume responsibility for the development and implementation of the grant application.

BACKGROUND: The DA's Office, on behalf of the County and a group of collaborators, including the Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Police Department and Alternatives to Domestic Violence, will apply for funding from OVW to provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff, and victim services advocates to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities.

Recognizing that individuals who are 50 years of age or older who are victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, face unique barriers to receiving assistance, Congress created the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program.

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FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2011-2012

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: _____
Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS
DATE: 3/22/11

Departmental Concurrence

Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** ALL **Agenda Number:** _____

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RE: OWW Fiscal Year 2011 Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program Grant Application and Adoption of Resolution No. 2011-084.

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Background

In Federal Fiscal Year 2011, OWW plans to fund projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a coordinated community response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

Elder abuse victims face unique obstacles in getting the help and services that they need. Age or disability may increase the isolation of older individuals. Victims may refrain from seeking help or calling the police due to shame or embarrassment because the abuse was committed by a family member, friend or caregiver. Victims may also be intimidated by threats of being placed in a nursing home. Professionals may perceive a victim's injuries as arising from aging, illness, or disability instead of recognizing that the injuries may be attributed to violence in the home or other care facility. A lack of services designed to meet the needs of older victims may leave them with no community resources to rely upon for assistance. A comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse should address these barriers and improve systemic responses to older victims. The DA's Office along with the Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Police Department and Alternatives to Domestic Violence are committed to providing a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse within the County of Riverside.

Award documents will be submitted to the Board for approval when grant funds are awarded.

County Counsel has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-084

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THE
6 **ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF**
7 **WOMEN LATER IN LIFE PROGRAM**

8 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside desires to apply for funding under the Enhanced Training
9 and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program to be funded by funds
10 made available through and administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against
11 Women (hereinafter referred to as "OVW"); now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State
13 of California, in regular session assembled on _____, 2011, that the Board of
14 Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California does hereby designate the Riverside County
15 District Attorney's Office to administer grant funds and assume responsibility for the development and
16 implementation of the aforementioned grant application.

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BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 3/22/11
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