

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



ITEM: 3.8
(ID # 25792)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

FROM : DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Authorize the District Attorney, or Designee, to Submit Grant Application and Related Documents for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program, for Fiscal years 2024-25, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 and Adoption of Resolution No 2024-202. All Districts. [\$323,830].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, or designee, to submit the grant application and related documents, to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program for fiscal years 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; and
2. Adopt Resolution 2024-202 authorizing the District Attorney or designee to execute the Victim Witness (VW) Grant Subaward on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, including any extensions or amendments thereof, as approved by County Counsel.

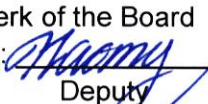
ACTION:Policy


Jared Haringsma 8/20/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 10, 2024
xc: DA

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 174,844	\$ 148,986	\$ 323,830	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 174,844	\$ 148,986	\$ 323,830	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: State of California 46%; Federal Funds 43%, General Fund 11%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Years: 24/25, 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The District Attorney's Office is requesting the authorization to submit for Grant funding from the Cal OES Victim Witness Assistance Program. The purpose of the Cal OES Victim Witness Assistance ("VW") Program is to maintain Victim Witness Assistance Centers (Centers), in each of California's 58 counties, to provide comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of violent crime, pursuant to California Penal Code §13835.

Approximately \$55,883,379 is available for Cal OES fiscal-year 2024-2025, with Riverside County being awarded up to \$2,655,887 with a required 20% local match for the federal funds, on the part of the County. The grant award performance period is 12 months, beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

The District Attorney's Office anticipated the continuation of the VW Program and included the funding within their projected revenue budget for FY24/25; as a result, no budget adjustment is necessary at this time. The awarded revenue impacts for FY25/26, and FY26/27 will be included in the department's budget submittal upon preparation for the respective years.

The attached resolution which covers the three-year period, has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.


Impact on Residents and Businesses

This funding source for such a critical program provides ample return on the County's 20% local match funds. The local match requirement for this program consists of a portion of the District Attorney's existing county budget and does not require any additional county funding to be allocated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **ATTACHMENT A.** County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2024-202

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Steven Atkeson

8/30/2024


Michelle Paradise, ACEO

9/3/2024


Ryan Yabko

8/21/2024


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

8/27/2024

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-202

3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
4 AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE THE
5 GRANT SUBAWARD FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE (VW) PROGRAM

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7 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside, on behalf of its Office of the District Attorney
8 ("County") annually applies for and has received grant funding in past fiscal years through the
9 Victim Witness (VW) Assistance Program Grant ("VW"), as made available through and
10 administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services ("Cal OES"); and

11 WHEREAS, the County desires to continue to apply for the VW Program Grant for fiscal
12 years 2024 through 2027.

13 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board
14 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on September 10,
15 2024, located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
16 Riverside, California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the District Attorney of the
17 County of Riverside, or designee, on behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, to
18 sign and submit the Victim Witness (VW) program grant application, and to accept and sign the
19 Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program Grant Subaward on behalf of the Board of
20 Supervisors, as well as any Grant Subaward extensions or amendments thereof with Cal OES,
21 as approved by County Counsel. This resolution shall be in effect for a three-year period
22 beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the grant funds
24 received hereunder shall not be used to supplant local expenditures controlled by this body.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the Riverside
26 County Office of the District Attorney agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant
27 Subaward as set forth by Cal OES.
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  RYAN D. YABKO
DATE: 8/21/24

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8 ROLL CALL:

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10 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez

11 Nays: None

12 Absent: None

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15 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
16 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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18 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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20 By:  _____

21 Deputy