



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Mark Peterson, District Attorney
Date: July 12, 2016

Subject: Add one Victim-Witness Assist. Program Spec. position to the Victim's Compensation Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Position Adjustment Resolution No. 21872 to add one (1) Victim/Witness Assistance Program Specialist (65SA) (represented) position at salary plan and grade QV5 1191 (\$3,619-\$4,399) in the Victim's Compensation Program to provide services as a restitution services in the District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This position will be 100% grant funded.

BACKGROUND:

The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28, guarantees a victims' right to restitution. Victim/Witness Program Specialists assist victims in Contra Costa County with the application for restitution funds from the Victim's Compensation Program (VCP) to cover the losses that they have experienced as a result of being a victim of crime. The Restitution Specialists work to recover those funds from the defendants who committed the crime by obtaining court

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/12/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

A YE: Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 12, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

orders of restitution. Without the work of the Restitution Specialists, the funds to support victims of crime would be greatly reduced. The Restitution Specialist is a county wide resource for victims, community based organizations, prosecutors, law enforcement, the Probation Department, and the defense bar.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Victim-Witness Program Specialist position delivers a comprehensive range of support services to victims and or witnesses of crime. This position is a county-wide resource for victims, community-based organizations, prosecutors, law enforcement, the Probation Department, and the defense bar. If this action is not approved, the District Attorney's office will not have an additional position to provide services funded by the grant award; the funds to support victims of crime would be greatly reduced.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

ATTACHMENTS

P300 No. 21872