



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: August 7, 2018

Subject: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse, to apply for and accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Bureau of Justice Assistance to develop effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task force(s) to implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to identifying victims of sex and labor trafficking for a period of three (3) years upon grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant funds. County required match of 3% (\$14,583) from Certified Copies fees).

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse (formerly Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative), a multi-agency system improvement effort, providing funding and establishing accountability criteria for a variety of support and services, was launched in 2001. In 2006,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/07/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: Candace Andersen, District II
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: August 7, 2018

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres, 608-4960

cc:

the California State Legislature granted permanent authorization to Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse (CCA EA) through the Zero Tolerance

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

for Domestic Violence Act under SB 968, which mandated a multi-faceted, multi-sectorial, and coordinated approach to domestic violence. Since then, CCAEA has broadened its scope to include sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking.

The grant funding is to be used to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist victims of human trafficking by enhancing interagency collaboration and the coordinated community response to victims of human trafficking, and through the provision of high quality services that address the individual needs of victims. Funding will support the creation of a Human Trafficking Task Force and comprehensive services for all victims of human trafficking. In addition, funding will increase the capacity of communities to respond to human trafficking victims through the development of interagency partnerships, professional training, and public awareness activities. CCAEA partners for the Human Trafficking program include: Bay Area Legal Aid, Contra Costa Health Services Department (Calli House), Community Violence Solutions, International Rescue Committee, and STAND! For Families Free of Violence.

The funding announcement requires two separate but coordinated applications from each human trafficking task force seeking funding: one application from a lead state, local, or tribal law enforcement (County Office of the District Attorney), and one application from a lead victim service organization (Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse). The two applications must be developed in close collaboration with each other and must be submitted as a pair, with each applicant naming the other as the primary partner.

The grant will increase collaboration and efficiency between systems, specifically law enforcement and victim service providers, promote community safety, and provide victim relief. Grant management may be an administrative increase for a short time period, until this grant replaces the current federal human trafficking grant through the Office of Victims of Crime, which terminates September 30, 2018.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the goal of providing a broad range of services and resources for victims and the most diverse range of investigation and prosecution options in response to the perpetrators of human trafficking will not be available.