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County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: February 26, 2019

Subject: United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women Grant Funding

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Alliance to End Abuse, to apply for and accept grant funding from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women, to fund domestic violence, stalking, and sex trafficking prevention, outreach, and awareness activities particularly focused on the inclusion and engagement of male role models and public influenced in prevention efforts, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$350,000 from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). Funding is 100% Federal, with no County match required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The goal of the OVW Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault & Engage Men and Boys as Allies (CYEM Program) is to support comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/26/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
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: February 26, 2019

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres 608-4960

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prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence,

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

stalking, and sex trafficking. The OVW grant will allow the Alliance to End Abuse to create and utilize a coordinated community response team to oversee and guide project activities. This team will meet regularly to develop the strategic plan, discuss projects goals and activities, review successes and challenges, and ensure activities are coordinated across organizations. In addition, the Alliance will provide a trained crisis counselor for participants at all educational, outreach, and training events. As part of the grant, the Alliance will engage in a planning phase prior to project implementation, which will include conducting a community strengths and needs assessment, and developing a strategic plan for implementing project activities.

This grant funding will be used to increase efforts to combat stalking, including the intersection of stalking and/or cyberstalking with teen dating violence.

EHSD's Alliance to End Abuse will partner with contracted partners to deliver the education, outreach and awareness activities outlined in the proposal application to the DOJ Office of Violence Against Women. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

Pros and Cons of request:

Pros:

Develops and implements strategies that focus on the inclusion and engagement of male adults as role models and public influencers in prevention efforts including primary prevention strategies and activities that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking;

Integrating men's organizations' and/or programs into project development and activities; and

Developing or utilizing an existing curriculum for training male leaders on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sex trafficking.

Cons:

Sustainability of program funding beyond end of grant term, September 30, 2022.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the Alliance Against Abuse will continue to face an increasing number of vulnerable clients and victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sex trafficking, including those who are high risk for victimization and perpetration.