



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: May 21, 2019

Subject: Extend Agreement with University of California San Francisco for Evaluation of Domestic Violence
Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute an interagency agreement amendment with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) effective June 1, 2019, to continue to provide local evaluation services for the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative Lethality Assessment Program, including mutual indemnification for any claims arising out of the performance of the agreement, to extend the term to terminate September 30, 2019, with no other changes to the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement will not increase the currently allocated department expenditures of \$585,971 for the requested services and is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women Grant revenues.

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse (Alliance) applied for and received funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women (OVW), Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (Project) in 2013. The Project was

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/21/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III 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: May 21, 2019

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

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implemented in two phases. The first phase of assessment was completed in September 2014 and Alliance was one of

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

four sites selected by OVW to participate in the second phase of implementation to implement the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP).

The primary purpose of the Project is to implement and measure the effectiveness of the LAP, with the objective of reducing domestic violence homicides and near homicides. The Project builds the capacity of the County to improve identification of and services for high-risk victims, while better monitoring high-risk offenders to reduce domestic violence-related homicide. This Project documents and disseminates solutions for replication across the country. The County engaged UCSF to assist in carrying out activities consistent with the requirements of this OVW-funded Project, including required evaluations and participation in OVW-sponsored technical, research, data collection, and reporting.

UCSF was originally contracted to conduct local evaluation activities, in coordination with the national evaluation team, for the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative. County is one of four pilot sites implementing this Initiative across the Country. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen California specific restrictions and legislation, UCSF will not be able to complete all activities the national evaluation team has requested. As a result, the Department of Justice (DOJ) will reduce their deliverables and budget. However, at this time, it is unknown the amount of reduction from DOJ. As an interim measure, the Agreement is being extended until a fuller response is received from the DOJ.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the amendment to extend the contract term is not approved, Contra Costa County will not be meet the grant requirements of the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The services provided under this Interagency Agreement support four of five of Contra Costa County's community outcomes: (1) "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School"; (2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; (4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing"; and (5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families" by identifying improvements to County-wide services for victims at risk of domestic violence-related homicide.