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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: July 9, 2019

Subject: Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Grant

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2019/490 approving and authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner or designee, to apply for and accept the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Grant for an initial amount of \$450,000 over a three-year period beginning October 1, 2019 through the end of the grant funding period.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Initial Revenue of \$450,000; 100% Federal funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

OVC has identified funding to assist Law Enforcement Agencies with developing or enhancing crime victim specialist programs to better support victims through the criminal justice process including connecting them with community-based direct victim service programs to more quickly and more effectively serve them. Amongst the most immediate needs are often referrals to victim assistance and compensation programs and informing them of their rights as crime victims. Funding from this grant will enable the Office of the Sheriff to establish a victim assistance unit and dedicate one full-time victim specialist to

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **07/09/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, 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 9, 2019

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

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assist victims and connect survivors and families to coordinated and trauma-informed services.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to approve will result in the Office of the Sheriff not being able to establish a Victim Specialist Program within our agency.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Applying for and accepting this grant will assist children that have been the victims of crimes.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/490