



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: October 8, 2019

Subject: Elder Abuse Prevention Project Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Adult Protective Services (APS) division to apply for and accept grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Victim Services Branch (XC), in an amount not to exceed \$388,417 for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$388,417 from the Governor's California Office of Emergency Services to fund the Elder Abuse Prevention Project for one year period. The Program is supported through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance formula Grant Program, which requires a cash and/or in-kind match equal to 20 percent of the total project cost, which is \$485,521.25. Therefore, Employment and Human Services Department will match \$97,104.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the Elder Abuse Prevention Project (EAPP) is to bridge the gap in services

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/08/2019** ☒ 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: October 8, 2019

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

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addressing elder abuse. EAPP is

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

designed to provide direct services to elders in a coordinated manner. The program design takes into account the approximately 6,000 annual APS caseload, and focuses on the areas where direct service is most required: financial abuse, case management, and counseling. This focus will increase justice for, and safety of, elder residents of Contra Costa County. The EAPP also allows the County to utilize data from EmpowerDB to ensure these cases are handled in a coordinated fashion.

This grant funding will be used to: 1) Continue identification and early intervention of financial abuse of the elderly in Contra Costa County; 2) Increase victim safety through linkages to mental health services and civil legal services; 3) Strengthen linkages and working relationships among agency partners working with APS clients to better meet the needs of vulnerable elders at risk of abuse; and 4) Increase community awareness and understanding of elder abuse leading to better identification of cases by community members.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, programs designed to bridge the gap in services addressing elder abuse could not be implemented.