



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: February 4, 2020

Subject: U.S. Department of Justice Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking Grant

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 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime to support housing assistance for victims of all forms of human trafficking for the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). Funding is entirely Federal, with a County required match of 3% (\$8,075 from Certified Copies fees).

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/04/2020** ☒ 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: February 4, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres
608-4960

cc:

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, the California State Legislature granted permanent authorization to Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse (CCA EA) through the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Act under SB 968, which mandated a multi-faceted, multi-sectorial, and coordinated approach to domestic violence. Since then, CCA EA has broadened its scope to include sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, and stalking.

This grant funding is to be used to provide funding for transitional housing for both adult and transitional age youth who identify as victims of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. In addition to housing, funding will also provide supportive services to allow victims to: 1) locate and secure permanent housing; 2) secure employment; and 3) integrate back into the community by providing services such as: transportation, counseling, childcare services, and other services.

CCA EA will partner with STAND! for Families Free of Violence and Contra Costa County Health Services Department (Transitional Living Program) to deliver the activities outlined in the application to the OVC. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

Pros and cons of request:

Pros:

- Provide funds to cover bed night (shelter) costs, staff housing and supportive services to victims of human trafficking.
- Develop and implement strategies to help victims of human trafficking find long-term housing and integrate into the community

Cons:

- Sustainability of program funding beyond end of grant term, April 30, 2023.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, County will continue to face an increasing number of human trafficking victims who are without housing options and will be at a high risk for going back to trafficking.