



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: February 11, 2020

Subject: Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Abuse in Later Life Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse to apply for and accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women for the Abuse in Later Life Program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. This is entirely Federal funding and no County match is required.

BACKGROUND:

The Abuse in Later Life Program supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/11/2020** ☒ 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
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 11, 2020

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

ABSENT: Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres 608-4960

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

> This grant funding will be used to provide funding to: a) train law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, and victim services providers in recognizing and addressing instances of elder abuse; b) enhance services for victims of abuse in later life; c) establish a multidisciplinary team to respond to victims of abuse in later life; and d) conduct cross training between law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and direct service agencies to better serve victims of abuse in later life.

EHSD's Alliance to End Abuse will partner with the Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance, Adult Protective Services, District Attorney's Office, Senior Legal Services and multiple law enforcement agencies to deliver the activities outlined in the application to Office of Violence Against Women. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

Pros and cons of request:

Pros:

- Increases understanding by law enforcement, prosecutors, and the court on recognizing and addressing the signs of elder abuse
- Provides victim relief
- Promotes community safety
- Increases collaboration between systems

Cons:

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

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

County will not take advantage of opportunity to receive federal funding to increase awareness and training for the criminal justice system nor provide additional services for elder abuse victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation.