



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director  
Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: Contract 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 agreement with University of California, San Francisco, in an amount not to exceed \$123,327, for local evaluation services for the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative Lethality Assessment Program, for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This agreement will increase department expenditures by \$123,327 and is funded 81% by County and 19% 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 US Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women (OVW), Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (Project) in 2013. The Project was implemented in two phases. The first phase of assessment was completed in September

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/10/2020** ☒ 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: March 10, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Gina Chenoweth  
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2014 and Alliance was one of four sites selected by OVW to participate in the second

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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 will build 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 will document and disseminate solutions for replication across the country. The County is engaging the University of California, San Francisco (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.

The term of this Agreement begins on October 1, 2019 because the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women recently approved supplemental dollars to cover expenses in October 2019, with the County covering remaining costs. The budget changes required UCSF Institutional Board approval. This Agreement includes a mutual indemnification provision and modified copyright language granting UCSF rights over materials it produces.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County will not 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.