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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: March 31, 2020

Subject: Department Justice Office of Violence Against Women Grant Funding

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 a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$350,000 from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. Funding is 100% Federal (CFDA # 16.888), with no required County match.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the OVW Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program (EM Program) is to support projects that create educational programming and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. The OVW grant will allow the Alliance to End Abuse to create and

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/31/2020** ☒ 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 31, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

utilize a coordinated community response team to oversee and guide project activities. This team will meet regularly to develop the strategic plan, discuss projects goals and activities, review successes and challenges, and ensure activities are coordinated across organizations. In addition, the Alliance will provide a trained crisis counselor for participants at all educational, outreach, and training events. As part of the grant, the Alliance will engage in a planning phase prior to project implementation, which will include conducting a community strengths and needs assessment, and developing a strategic plan for implementing project activities.

This grant funding will be used to increase efforts to combat stalking, including the intersection of stalking and/or cyberstalking with teen dating violence.

EHSD's Alliance to End Abuse will partner with STAND! For Families Free of Violence and/or other contracted partners to deliver the education, outreach and awareness activities outlined in the proposal application to the DOJ Office of Violence Against Women. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Pros and cons of request:

Pros:

- Develops and implements strategies that focus on the inclusion and engagement of male adults as role models and public influencers in prevention efforts including primary prevention strategies and activities that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Integrating men's organizations' and/or programs into project development and activities; and
- Developing or utilizing an existing curriculum for training male leaders on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sex trafficking.

Cons:

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

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the Alliance will continue to face an increasing number of vulnerable clients and victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sex trafficking – including those who are high risk for victimization and perpetration