



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Diana Becton, District Attorney
Date: June 16, 2020

Subject: Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal Grant for Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, the District Attorney, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for an initial amount of up to \$470,000 over a three-year period beginning October 1, 2020 to prosecute cold cases using DNA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District Attorney's Office will receive up to \$470,00 over a three-year period. No match is required. 100% federal funds.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has identified funding to assist Prosecutor's Offices and Law Enforcement Agencies in prosecuting violent crime cold cases. The Contra Costa District Attorney's Office (applicant) together with Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff (subrecipient) and Pittsburg Police Department (subrecipient) is applying for the grant to fund the investigation and prosecution of violent crime cold cases, in particular, homicides where suspect DNA has been identified. Work funded through this grant will assist victims

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/16/2020** ☒ 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: June 16, 2020

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

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of crime and next of kin in an effort to bring closure in unsolved violent crime cold cases.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will be unable to pursue this grant funding source to prosecute cold cases using DNA.