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Costa
County**

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

Subject: Bureau of Justice Assistance Federal Grant to Implement a County-Wide Evidence Management Program for Untested and Submitted Sexual Assault Kits

RECOMMENDATION(S):

RATIFY the District Attorney's Office, or designee, to apply and AUTHORIZE to 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 \$1,000,000 over a three-year period beginning October 1, 2020 to implement the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting (SAFE-ITR) Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District Attorney's Office will receive up to \$1,000,000 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) will fund a county-wide evidence management program to inventory, track and report untested and submitted sexual assault kits (SAKs). From the time an evidence SAK is collected to the time it leaves the laboratory and the case receives final disposition in court, the status and location of the SAK will be known through the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting (SAFE-ITR)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

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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cc:

Program. This program furthers the collective mission to combat violent crime and to improve response and services to America's crime victims.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will be unable to pursue this grant funding source to implement a county-wide evidence management program to inventory, track and report untested and submitted sexual assault kits ensuring our county does not develop a backlog of untested kits moving forward.