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Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Diana Becton, District Attorney

Date: June 8, 2021

Subject: Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, the District Attorney, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime and Bureau of Justice Assistance for the amount of \$700,000 to develop effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that will implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to identifying victims of sex and labor trafficking for a period of three (3) years from the date of the grant award.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive the amount of \$700,000. This funding requires a 25% in-kind match, which will be met by the prosecution efforts shared by several Deputy District Attorneys. Additional program staff costs inclusive of two inspectors, a human trafficking coordinator, all training, and the majority of the administrative costs will be supported by the grant funding.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This grant funding is to be used to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist victims of human trafficking by enhancing interagency collaboration and

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Action of Board On: 06/08/2021 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER						
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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 8, 2021 , County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  By: Laura Cassell, Deputy				
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# BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

the coordinated community response to victims of human trafficking, and through the provision of high quality services that address the individual needs of victims. Funding will continue support for the Human Trafficking Task Force and comprehensive services for all victims of human trafficking. In addition, funding will increase the capacity of communities to respond to human trafficking victims through the development of interagency partnerships, professional training, and public awareness activities.

The Office of the District Attorney will work in collaboration with the Alliance to End Abuse which provides a connected network of service providers to support the law enforcement and prosecution efforts of the human trafficking task force. The Alliance to End Abuse partners for the human trafficking program include: Bay Area Legal Aid, Contra Costa Health Services Department (Calli House), Community Violence Solutions, International Rescue Committee, and STAND! For Families Free of Violence.

## **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Without funding, the goal of providing the broadest range of services and resources for victims and the most coordinated range of investigation and prosecution options in response to the perpetrators of human trafficking will not be accomplished.