



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Marsh, Interim Employment and Human Services Director

Date: April 12, 2022

Subject: Department of Justice grant approval for Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Violence

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the interim Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept a continuation grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to implement the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000

100% Federal

No County match required

BACKGROUND:

The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2022** ☒ 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: April 12, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: C. Youngblood (925)
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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program funding is designed to assist victims of violence with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes. The program recognizes that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are crimes that require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through investigation and arrest of violent offenders and protection of victims.

The program is designed to encourage partnerships between state, local and tribal government, courts, victim service providers, coalitions, and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system and community based victim service organizations. The grant funding can provide services to identify problems, share ideas, and develop services that will result in new responses to insure victim safety and offender accountability.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, programs designed to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking could not be fully implemented in Contra Costa County.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program meets two of the five Contra Costa County's community outcomes: (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 ensuring children and families affected by interpersonal violence will receive appropriate support and follow-up services.