



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Marla Stuart, Employment and Human Services Director
Date: October 18, 2022

Subject: APS Elder Abuse Prevention Project – Cal OES, Underserved Victims Unit (XE)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Underserved Victims Unit for the Elder Abuse (XE) Program, in an amount not to exceed \$217,444, for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to apply for and receive an amount not to exceed \$217,444 from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to fund the Elder Abuse Prevention Project for a one-year period (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023). The first half of the grant (1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023) is already budgeted in FY 2022-23, and the second half (7/1/2023 – 12/31/2023) will be included in the budget for FY 2023-24. The project is supported through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program. The VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program of \$217,444 (20VOCA = \$108,722; 21VOCA = \$108,722) requires a cash and/or in-kind match (20VOCA Match 20% = \$27,181; 21VOCA Match 20% = \$27,181) equal to 20 percent of the total project cost (Pre-match waiver of \$271,806). The Employment and Human Services Department will submit a Waiver for the Match with the application packet. If the waiver is not approved,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/18/2022** ☒ 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: October 18, 2022

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc:

there will be a match of \$54,362 with Adult Protective Services (APS) funds. The VOCA amount being sought out is 100% Federal. AL #16.575.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the Elder Abuse Prevention Project (EAPP) is to bridge the gap in services addressing Elder Abuse. XE Program funding will be used to enhance the safety of elder and dependent adult victims of crime by providing direct services to victims and bridging the gap between elder justice service providers and victim service providers. The APS program received over 5,200 reports of abuse from January 2021 through December 2021. With support from this grant, APS will be able to focus support in areas of financial abuse, case management, and prevention. This focus will increase justice for, and safety of, elder residents and dependent adults of Contra Costa County.

This grand funding will be used to:

- Fund an Elder Abuse Victim Specialist solely dedicated to serving elder and dependent adult victims.
- Provide and coordinate direct services for elder and dependent adult victims.
- Expand the communities' capacity to serve elder and dependent adult victims.
- Ensure that elder and dependent adult victims have access to the criminal justice system.
- Continue to provide outreach awareness programs for victims and mandated reporters of elder and dependent adult abuse and others who come into contact with these victims.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the Adult Protection Services division will continue to face an increasing number of vulnerable elder and dependent adults facing financial abuse, interpersonal violence, neglect and exploitation.