



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.9

MEETING DATE: 11/12/2024

DEPARTMENT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Patricia Salcedo

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Joel Buckingham

SUBJECT:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - J. BUCKINGHAM

Adopt Resolution authorizing the District Attorney of San Benito County or Designee to submit the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program grant proposals to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), execute the Grant Award Agreements, including any extensions and sub-award amendments for The Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program grant to provide improved criminal justice system's processing of violent crimes against women through a coordinated prosecutorial response including a highly qualified prosecutor, victim advocate and investigator and to negotiate, execute, amend or terminate resulting grant agreements in the amounts to be determined associated with future grants for the periods of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 205

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024-135

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

CalOES requires that grant applicants provide a resolution of the Board of Supervisors granting authority to apply for the program designated as the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program with specific grant periods and the funds received from CalOES to be used to implement the program and not supplant other expenditures controlled by the Board of Supervisors. Vertical prosecution is shown to improve conviction rates, reduce victim/survivor trauma, and provide more consistent and appropriate sentencing. The specialized unit will consist of a highly qualified prosecutor, victim advocate and investigator. The program will concentrate prosecutorial efforts and resources on defendants who

are charged with crimes of domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault, and/or stalking.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

In the fall of 2023, the San Benito County District Attorney or Designee, applied for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program grant. It was awarded for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$202,545.00. It requires renewal applications on an annual basis.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

VV23 01 0350 from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$202,545.00

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

The VV Program is currently in its first year and will renew January 1, 2025, permitting submission of grant application and approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution for Proof of Authority](#)

[Application Information Summary, San Benito](#)

[2024-25 Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution \(VV\) Program Supplemental](#)