



Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board adopt **Resolution 108-2011** authorizing the District Attorney and/or the Chief District Attorney to sign the Standard Agreement with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for the Victim Witness Claims Grant for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and any amendments or extensions thereof to operate a Victim Witness Center in the County.

FUNDING: California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$163,273
Funding		
Budgeted	\$163,349	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$163,349	
Change To Net County Cost		(\$76)

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no net county cost for FY 11/12.

Background: The Victim Witness Claims Program historically provided funding for two in-house specialists, one office assistant and one program coordinator. Funding levels have been reduced for FY 11/12 by 5% resulting in one specialist being reduced from .80 FTE to .75 FTE and the office assistant from .80 FTE to .62 FTE. It is anticipated that the program will be fully operational even with these reductions by a shift in assignments.

Program responsibilities include application intake, data entry, determination of eligibility, loss verification, including: medical, dental, wage loss, support loss, mental health counseling, funeral, burial and relocation expenses. The benefit of having claims processed in our county is that bills can be paid in a timely manner. The average processing time of claims done directly by the VCP Board is 3-6 months which causes ongoing stress to victims as providers will cut off services until payment is received.

Reason for Recommendation: The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has provided a one year agreement for the Victim Witness Claims Program for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Board Chair to sign resolution and provide department

with five certified copies per the request of VCGCB.

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Concurrences: County Counsel and Risk Management