



Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment II to Agreement 5316 with H.O.P.E.: Healthy Outcomes for Personal Enrichment Counseling Center to extend the term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and increase the not to exceed by \$160,440 for the new term, making the new NTE \$329,880.

FUNDING: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistant Formula Grant Program funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On November 10, 2020, the Board approved the District Attorney's acceptance of the CalOES Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Program in the amount of \$321,875 for grant period January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021. The \$321,875 award amount includes a \$64,375 cash match requirement. This is the District Attorney's first award under this grant Program. The purpose of the AT Program is to provide comprehensive psychotherapy services to children victimized by abuse and/or neglect. This grant funds Agreement 5316 with HOPE Counseling to provide services to child victims of crime.

On December 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement 5316 to provide one full-time equivalent Psychotherapy Clinician(s) to work specifically with child abuse victims and their families (secondary victims) by providing trauma-informed mental health services. Agreement 5316 originally allocated \$3,000.00 for grant program related training and travel costs.

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment I to Agreement 5316 to provide an additional \$9,000 in training funds for the HOPE Counselors to attend Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) to increase services offerings to child victims and families served under this grant.

On June 29, 2021, the Board approved the District Attorney's acceptance of the CalOES Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Program for the period of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022. The agreement term will be extended to January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023. Compensation article III of the agreement establishes the billing service period being January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022, mirroring the AT Program grant cycle. The contractor shall only bill for services provided during the grant cycle period. The additional 6-month agreement term through June 30, 2023 is included as a grace period should the grant cycle be extended.

For this award period, HOPE will provide the equivalent of 1.0 FTE Psychotherapy Clinician(s) to work specifically with child abuse victims and their families (secondary victims) by providing trauma-informed mental health services. The billing rate for therapy services is \$75/hr, not exceeding \$156,000 for the full grant cycle. Furthermore, the contractor may bill up to \$3,000 for grant program related training costs and up to \$1,440 for cell phone stipend (to cover up to two clinicians). All contractor costs will be directly funded by the grant award.

ALTERNATIVES

Should the Board decline to approve the agreement, the HOPE Counseling team will not be able to

continue providing services under the AT Program, and the District Attorney's Office will need to find a different way to use the program funds.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

20-1402 - 11/10/2020 - Board approved the acceptance of the CalOES Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Program

20-1523 - 12/15/2020 - Approval of Agreement 5316

21-0945 - 06/22/2021 - Board Approved increasing the NTE by \$9,000 for the HOPE team to attend PCIT training

21-0972 - 06/29/2021 - Board approved the acceptance of the CalOES Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Program

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no change to Net County Cost associated with the AT HOPE agreement and amendment. The CalOES grant award completely funds Agreement 5316 and its subsequent amendments. The revenue and expense has been included in the DA's FY 21/22 Budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Upon approval, Clerk of the Board to obtain the Board Chair's signature on one copy of Amendment II with HOPE and return a certified copy to the Chief Administrative Office, Central Fiscal Unit, Attention: Gina De Martini-Kuhns.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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