

Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board adopt **Resolution 052-2012** authorizing the District Attorney and/or the Chief Assistant District Attorney to sign the Standard Agreement No. VCGC2046 with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for the Victim Witness Claims Grant for Fiscal Years 2012/2013 through 2014/2015 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 FY 12/13		\$163,935
Funding		
Budgeted	\$163,349	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$163,349	
Change To Net County Cost		\$586

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: None. The FY 2012-13 funding has been included in the proposed budget. The program has a minimal net county cost of \$586.

Background/Program Summary: The Victim Witness Claims Program provides funding for two inhouse claims specialists, one office assistant and one program coordinator to perform application intake, data entry, determine eligibility, and verify losses, including; medical, dental, wage loss, support loss, mental health counseling, funeral, burial and relocation expenses. The benefit of having the 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 three year agreement for the Victim Witness Claims Program for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

Total funding is \$490,047 and is to be equally distributed to each of the three fiscal years in the amount of \$163,349.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Board Chair to sign the resolution

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