



Legislation Text

File #: 20-0766, **Version:** 1

District Attorney recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **101-2020** authorizing the District Attorney to execute Standard Agreement S20-010 and Certification with California Victim Compensation Board for the continued oversight and management of the Funeral Burial/Domestic Violence Revolving Fund for the term beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

FUNDING: Funeral Burial/Domestic Violence Revolving Fund (California Victim Compensation Board Restitution Fund).

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

A signed resolution is required in order for the District Attorney to sign the Standard Agreement with the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB). Approval of this recommendation will allow the District Attorney's Office to continue participating in a coordinated effort to provide emergency based financial assistance to victims.

By administering the CalVCB Revolving Fund pursuant to the Standard Agreement and Contractor Certification Clauses, El Dorado County is able to provide rapid assistance for victims of crime who qualify for financial assistance for certain qualifying expenses related to a crime, including funeral/burial costs, relocation, crime scene clean-up, and other verified emergency expenses losses approved by CalVCB. Payments made from the Revolving Fund should be verified to be for an immediate need, including times where a substantial hardship would not allow the claimant to have access to shelter, food, medical care, or personal safety.

The El Dorado County Victim Witness Unit has participated in the Funeral Burial/Domestic Violence Revolving Fund since fiscal year 2000/2001. CalVCB advanced the El Dorado County Victim Witness Unit \$40,000 in fiscal year 2000/2001 as authorized by Government Code Section 6504 to pay qualifying claims. El Dorado County uses the revolving fund to pay approved emergency expenses and then submits a reimbursement request to CalVCB to replenish the fund. CalVCB typically replenishes the Revolving Fund within 20 days of a claim being paid. The Revolving Fund Disbursement Log documents all outgoing and incoming transactions on a cumulative basis, and is reported to CalVCB on a monthly basis. While we typically only have a few claims per fiscal year, it's important to have access to these funds to support victims of crime within the CalVCB joint partnership service area.

ALTERNATIVES

If the Board does not approve this action, the District Attorney's Office will not be able to participate in the Revolving Fund program and will need to return the fund balance to CalVCB.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

14-0784 Version 2 - approval for the Revolving Fund term of 07/01/17 to 06/30/20.

18-0727 - approval for the current CalVCB Joint Partnership Agreement for the Victim Claims program.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to return two copies of the executed Resolution to Audra Anderson, Central Fiscal.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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