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District Attorney recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment IV to Agreement 3370 with the Center for Violence-Free Relationships increasing compensation by $76,920 and extending the term an additional 12 months for a total not to exceed of $340,920 for the entire service period term of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022, to provide one full-time Victim Advocate to the grant program.

FUNDING: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Violence Against Women Act Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors Formula Grant Program Funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On November 9, 2021, the board approved the District Attorney's acceptance of the CalOES Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program grant award in the amount of $270,060, extending the current program award period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The purpose of this program is to vertically prosecute violent crimes against the vulnerable adult population.

A primary focus of this program is to continue funding one Victim Advocate through a contract with the Center for Violence-Free Relationships using the grant award. Having a dedicated Victim Advocate on the VV project team allows the Victim Witness Unit to expeditiously conclude cases, reduce victim trauma, and enhance our services to victims.

Contract 3370 with the Center for Violence-Free Relationships provides one full-time Victim Advocate dedicated to the VV Program. Amendment IV to the contract extends the service period of the contract through December 31, 2022, to align with the change in the grant award period, with no change to the monthly service rate. Amendment IV increases the not-to-exceed amount of the contract by $76,920 for the additional 12-month period.

ALTERNATIVES

Should the Board decline to approve the amendment, the District Attorney's Office will no longer be able to provide a Victim Advocate for the VV Program.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

Legistar 21-1662, November 9, 2021 - Board approved the acceptance of Federal FY 2022 Cal OES Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VV) in the amount of $270,060 for the period of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022.

Legistar 20-1604, December 8, 2020 - Board approved Amendment III to Service Agreement 3370, increasing compensation by $76,920 for the period from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Legistar 20-1401, November 10, 2020 - Board approved the acceptance of Federal FY 2021 Cal OES Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VV) in the amount of $270,060 for the period of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.

Legistar 20-0724, June 9, 2020 - Board approved extension of service agreement 3370 with the Center for Violence-Free Relationships due to the District Attorney's Office receiving notice from CalOES that they intend to extend the (VV) grant through December 31, 2020.

Legistar 19-0836, June 4, 2019 - Board approved the acceptance of Federal FY 2019-20 Cal OES Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program (VV) in the amount of $270,060 for the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT
N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS
Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no change to Net County Cost associated with this contract. The contract is completely funded by the Cal OES grant award. All revenue and expenses were included in the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS
Clerk of the Board to obtain the Board Chair's signature on two copies of Amendment IV to Agreement 3370 with The Center for Violence-Free Relationships and return one certified copy to the Chief Administrative Office, Central Fiscal Unit, Attention: Gina De Martini-Kuhns.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT
Public Safety

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