



Legislation Text

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Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute a revenue contract with the State of California Victim Compensation Board (VCB) to fund victim restitution services in the amount of \$151,172 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019; and Authorize the District Attorney to execute contract extensions or amendments directly related to ongoing contract activities and within budgeted appropriations

Published Notice Required? Yes _____ No X
Public Hearing Required? Yes _____ No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The District Attorney's Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute a revenue contract with the State of California Victim Compensation Board (VCB) to fund victim restitution services in the amount of \$151,172 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019; and
2. Authorize the District Attorney to execute contract extensions or amendments directly related to ongoing contract activities and within budgeted appropriations.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Solano County District Attorney's Office has participated in this project with the State of California to assist victims of crimes in obtaining information and making dispositional information available to the State Board of Control, Victim Compensation Board since 1996. The project funding allows the District Attorney to fund 73% of a full time Paralegal position to assist prosecuting attorneys to ensure expedited payments of restitution to victims. The existing contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 26, 2016 expired on June 30, 2017.

The State Board has agreed to provide a total of \$151,172 in funding to continue this project for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Approval of the attached resolution will allow the District Attorney to continue their participation in this long standing program and to approve renewals, extensions and amendments through June 30, 2021 in support of a program which assists the victims of crime in obtaining dispositional information for the State as long as the Victim Compensation Board continues to provide funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The VCB revenue contract provides \$151,172 over a two-year period. The FY2017/18 Adopted Budget included the annual cost of the full time Paralegal, including salary and all benefits of \$102,870. The estimated revenues of \$75,586 for FY2017/18 from this State Revenue contract are included in the Department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget. The \$27,284 difference is funded by the General Fund and is also included in the Department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolution. This would result in the loss of \$75,586 in revenue for FY2017/18 and require either a replacement funding source for the lost grant funds or a reduction in staffing,

and a reduction in services provided. Solano County District Attorney's Office would not be able to continue the services provided by this program to the victims of crimes in Solano County should grant funds not be received from the State for this program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Solano County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION