



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/24/2024

File #: 24-1348

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Attorney

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing the District Attorney's Office to Accept and Apply for Additional Grant Funding by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Through the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program for January 2024 Through December 2024 and for the January 2025 Through December 2025 Funding and Approve a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 -24 in the Amount of \$66,768 for Budget Unit 1100208 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Humboldt County District Attorney and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, or designees thereof, to execute on behalf of the County of Humboldt any and all documents necessary apply and reapply, accept, secure and administer, including modifications and amendments for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program awarded by Cal OES;
2. Approve the attached supplemental budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 in the amount of \$66,768 for budget unit 1100-208 (4/5 vote required); and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution and to the District Attorney's Office for submission to the Cal OES.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities and Core Services

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

On July 13, 2023, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office submitted a grant application for funding made available by the Cal OES through the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program for the purpose of promoting the development and the implementation of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

On Jan. 4, 2024, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office was awarded \$202,545 in Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program funding. However, upon acceptance of the grant subaward a special condition was implemented that would not allow access to the funds until the passage of the fiscal year 2023-2024 State Budget Act. The funding was released to the Cal OES in April of 2024.

Accordingly, the District Attorney's Office recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution and approve the attached

supplemental budget in the amount of \$66,768 for budget unit 1100-208 to allow for reimbursement of grant activities that took place during fiscal year 2023-2024.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services; Services Training Officers Prosecutors (1100-208)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100-208)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	\$66,768	\$135,777
Total Expenditures	\$66,768	\$135,777
Funding Sources (1100-208)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*
General Fund	\$0	\$0.00
State/Federal Funds	\$66,768	\$135,777
Total Funding Sources	\$66,768	\$135,777

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Adoption of the attached resolution allows the County of Humboldt to accept the grant award of \$202,545 for the period of Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024 and to apply for grant funding for the period of Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025, for Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program.

Approval of the attached supplemental budget will allow the County of Humboldt to be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$66,768 for services performed in accordance with the scope of work described in the grant application for the period of Jan. 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. Such funding covers salary and benefits along with operating expenses in budget unit 1100-208.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Acceptance of the available Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program funding provides for a portion of three (3) allocated positions: one (1) Deputy District Attorney, one (1) District Attorney Investigator and one (1) Administrative Analyst Advocate. Currently, there will be no request to allocate any additional positions.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services; North Coast Rape Crisis; Humboldt Domestic Violence Services.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached resolution and supplemental budget. However, this alternative is not recommended as it would cause a loss of funding necessary to support the provision of services to victims and witnesses of crime in Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funding Made Available by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services through Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program
2. Grant Award Letter VV23010120
3. Supplemental budget FY 2023-2024

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: None
File No.: None