



**District Attorney
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2019-REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Dan Underwood PHONE: 636-5494		

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$899,737, with required County matching funds of \$299,912, for a program total of \$1,199,649, for the FY 19 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking program, retroactive to October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. This agreement is retroactive due to having received the grant award in late September 2019, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to October 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement;
3. Authorize the Chairman to initial the bottom right corner of each page listing the Special Conditions (pages 2 through 18); and
4. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of October 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.

SUMMARY:

After a competitive application process, the Office of the District Attorney was recently awarded grant funding for the FY 19 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking (2019 ECM) program from the United States

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Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The 2019 ECM grant award represents the second round of funding for human trafficking task forces throughout the United States, following the first round of 2016 ECM funding awarded in October 2016. Your Board authorized the District Attorney's Office to apply for that funding, which included a 25% County match, on May 3, 2016. The grant includes \$899,737 in federal funding, and, although not reflected in the attached agreement, requires a County match of 25% of the total program cost, or \$299,912 in match funds, for a total of \$1,199,649. The County match is calculated based on the total program cost of \$1,199,649.

The grant will cover the costs of 1.0 FTE DA Investigator, and 1.0 FTE Sheriff's Deputy from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022. The required match will be met through in-kind contributions, as it was throughout the 2016 ECM grant, using a percentage of time of various administrative District Attorney and Sheriff personnel overseeing and implementing the program throughout the three-year term.

While the 2016 ECM grant supported emerging human trafficking task forces, the 2019 grant supports *established* task forces, allowing for the continuation of the Tulare County Human Trafficking Task Force (TCHTTF). This includes funding for dedicated investigators, a program evaluator, and a task force coordinator. The coordinator is a new position required by the 2019 grant, and recognizes the volume of work necessary to efficiently and effectively run a task force. This individual will coordinate the operations of the TCHTTF among service providers and law enforcement agencies, and will work closely with the TCHTTF's key partners and program evaluator to lead initiatives and meet grant program objectives. The TCHTTF will hire a qualified individual through a competitive application process throughout the next few months.

The program evaluator from the 2016 ECM grant program (Vanguard University's Global Center for Women and Justice) will continue that role for the 2019 ECM program. Both the evaluator and the task force coordinator will be placed on forthcoming County of Tulare professional services agreements.

This is a three-year program that will operate on a Federal fiscal year, from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. Although the start date is October 1, 2019, the first quarter is a ramp up period, with funding authority beginning on January 1, 2020.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The Department of Justice may terminate the agreement and/or take other legal action against the County if it does not comply with its requirements; 2) The Department of Justice, not the County, owns all intellectual property resulting from the agreement; and 3) The County must allow timely and reasonable access to records pertinent to the award for at least three years after submission of the final expenditure report, and as long as the records are retained thereafter.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The 2019 ECM program (Budget Unit 3179) grant award is for \$899,737. The award requires County matching funds of \$299,912 for a program total of \$1,199,649 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, with spending authority beginning on January 1, 2020. The Program's funding and expenditures are based on a federal fiscal year; therefore, the Program's distribution of funding and costs on the County fiscal year are as follows:

- \$162,696 in grant funds and \$54,446 in County matching funds have been included for FY 2019/20 (January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020).
- \$325,073 in grant funds and \$108,913 in County matching funds will be included for FY 2020/21 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021).
- \$329,286 in grant funds and \$109,222 in County matching funds will be included for FY 2021/22 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).
- \$82,682 in grant funds and \$27,331 in County matching funds will be included for FY 2022/23 (July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022).

The total matching funds of \$299,912 will be covered through the District Attorney's and Sheriff's FY 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 budgets. Staff contributing to the program but not funded by the grant will use a portion of their time to meet the match. There will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year Strategic Business Plan and Management System include Safety and Security initiatives to provide for the safety and security of the public. Continued grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance allows for dedicated investigation of crimes of human trafficking, ultimately bringing these criminals to justice.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Yun-Gyung Park-Moore
Fiscal Manager

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment 1: Award letter from the Office of the Assistant Attorney General
Attachment 2: Letter from the Office of Civil Rights
Attachment 3: Bureau of Justice Assistance Cooperative Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES) Resolution No. _____
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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