



**District Attorney
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: April 2, 2013 - **REVISED**

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| 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 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 California Emergency Management Agency.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$287,318 to provide continuing funding for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. This agreement is subject to County Counsel approval.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award Face Sheet and the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.
3. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or his designee to sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.

SUMMARY:

The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) issued a Request for Application for the Violence Against Women, Vertical Prosecution (VAW/VP) Program for the fiscal year 2013/2014. The Office of the District Attorney has been a recipient of this grant for several years.

The purpose of the VAW/VP Program is to devote a highly trained attorney to the prosecution of perpetrators of violence against women, as well as provide a victim advocate to reduce the emotional trauma of those victims through a team approach.

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This project will address all crimes that involve violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence, throughout Tulare County. The VAW/VP Program prosecutor will handle the most serious violent crimes against women, specifically felony cases involving serious injury to the victim, use of a deadly weapon and defendants who have prior convictions for domestic violence or two or more strikes on their record. The vertical prosecution method allows the same prosecutor who initially reviewed the case to handle the case through all stages of prosecution.

The VAW/VP Program grant funds one Deputy District Attorney, one DA Investigator, and one Victim Witness Worker in the District Attorney's Office. In 2012, 88 cases were prosecuted and 217 victims were assisted through this program.

The grant period is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. We are requesting that the Board approve the Chairman's signature on the Grant Award Face Sheet agreement and the Certification of Assurance of Compliance. The Grant Award Face Sheet is countersigned and becomes the grant agreement if the application is awarded and signed by CalEMA.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total program budget is \$287,318; \$215,488 in grant funds and \$71,830 in required matching funds. The match will be included in the District Attorney's Fiscal Year 2013/14 budget.

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 CalEMA helps to fulfill this initiative.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Dan Underwood
Assistant District Attorney

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

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| Attachment(s) | Attachment A: Grant Award Face Sheet/Agreement Attachment B: Certification of Assurance of Compliance |
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

) Resolution No. _____
) 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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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