

Monterey County

Board Report

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- Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2016-17 budget for the District Attorney, DIS001, Unit 8063, in support of increased funding received for the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act), by increasing the revenues and appropriations by \$82,010 (4/5ths vote required) and;
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Office to create one new position in the District Attorney's Department (2240), Unit 8063, for a Victims Assistance Advocate (60K02).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The District Attorney was recently notified by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) that funding was being increased for the existing FY2016-17 VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding for its Victims of Crime Unit by \$82,010, and is requesting modification of the FY 2016-17 budget to reflect a corresponding increase in appropriations and revenue. The District Attorney intends to increase services to the public by re-opening its King City (South County) offices with this new funding and staffing the office with a new Victims Assistance Advocate. These expanded services to South County have an estimated annual cost of \$85,000, which is sustainable with this additional funding.

DISCUSSION:

The District Attorney's office was notified by CalOES on August 11, 2016, of additional funding for the existing VOCA grant, which was being passed down to recipients after being provided by the Federal Government to the state. The department has been seeking funding to re-open its King City office, which is currently vacant, to facilitate services to residents of South County. With the closure of the Superior Court office there in 2013, no services are provided for victims of crime in that area, the only office available to provide services is here in Salinas at the District Attorney's offices. Once operational, victims of crime in South County will have increased access for services and assistance, without having to drive to Salinas to receive them.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The resolution has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office as to form.

FINANCING:

There is no impact on the General Fund, all funding will be received directly from CalOES. Required cash match components of the grant are available from current funding sources. See enclosure for specific budgetary changes on objects within the approved budget.

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Attachments: Budget object code modifications, FY 2016-17