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Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Allison Haley - District Attorney
REPORT BY: Sophie Johnson - Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Application and Acceptance of Funding for Family Justice Center Program

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Certification of Assurance of Compliance document with the California Office of Emergency Services in the anticipated amount of \$306,336 for the two (2) year term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 that authorizes the District Attorney to apply for and sign grant Subaward documents with the California Office of Emergency Services for the Family Justice Center (FJ) Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will allow the District Attorney to apply for and sign grant subaward documents, including applications, amendments, extensions, and modifications, thereof, for the Family Justice Center Program in Napa County. This subaward program is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services to provide State General Funds to support operational multiagency, multidisciplinary Family Justice Centers, providing services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or dependent adult abuse and human trafficking.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate for the District Attorney's Office to provide additional services through the Family Justice Center. However, following the receipt of an emerging Family Justice Center grant, the Monarch Justice Center was established to serve crime survivors in a multidisciplinary collaboration of public and private professionals dedicated to providing access and resources. The grant program provides funding for the County's multidisciplinary team partners to operate the Family Justice Center during the grant term, with no net increase in County General Funds.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations for the following fiscal year will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, the District Attorney will not be able to obtain additional funding from the State of California for the provision of multidisciplinary team collaborative services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder and dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking in a setting designed to better serve these vulnerable victims.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information	There is no local match requirement for these funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Following several years of collaborative effort between the District Attorney, local community-based service provider organizations, law enforcement, adult protective services and the Health and Human Services Agency, and the award of a competitive grant project with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) to provide funding for an emerging Family Justice Center in Napa County, the Monarch Justice Center was opened in July 2019.

The Emerging Family Justice Center grant of \$400,000 from Cal-OES expired on March 31, 2021. Cal-OES is now providing a non-competitive grant application for \$306,336 of State General Funds for the two (2) year term, April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024 to support fully operational multiagency, multidisciplinary Family Justice Centers, such as Napa County's Monarch Justice Center.

Today's recommended action will authorize the Chair to sign the Certificate of Assurance of Compliance (COAOC) document, which authorizes the District Attorney to apply and sign for the grant subaward, including

extensions, modifications or amendments thereof.