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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: R. Scott Owens, District Attorney
DATE: September 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Accept the Victim's Witness Assistance Program Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign the Grant Award Agreement for the Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$297,907 from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The District Attorney's Office has been awarded funding by the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant, administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. This Agreement allows the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Unit to provide advocacy services to victims and witnesses of crimes in Placer County. Monies allocated to this program are for one year, and require a resolution approval in order to receive the funds.

Acceptance of this grant offers financial support to the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in order to help with costs associated with a victim/witness supervisor, a senior victim/witness advocate, four victim/witness advocates, and an administrative legal clerk. The victim/witness advocates provide all of the mandated direct services, court accompaniment, transportation, data management, perform Multidisciplinary Interview Center advocacy, as well as assist with applications for compensation and benefits to the victims and witnesses of crime. The administrative legal clerk performs all aspects of clerical support.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant award allocates funding for one year in the amount of \$297,907. Acceptance of these grant funds requires a General Fund match of \$64,294, for a total program amount of \$362,201, which is included in the District Attorney's FY 2016-17 Final Budget.

Attachment: Resolution

This Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
R. SCOTT OWENS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
TO SIGN, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY OF PLACER
AGREEMENT #VW16340310

Resolution No.: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the District Attorney desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant Funding administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as Cal OES). The program services are primary to provide funding for comprehensive assistance programs for victims and witnesses of crime and to establish centers to handle the

trauma experienced by victims and witnesses thereby allowing for faster and more complete recovery from the effects of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Cal OES, has authorized and allocated \$297,907 for fiscal year 2016/2017 to implement this project subject to the execution of a Grant Award Agreement for the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant and acknowledgment of the terms and conditions contained therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Attorney of the County of Placer is authorized, to submit the agreement to Cal OES and is authorized to sign for purposes of making any extension or amendment thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

