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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Morgan Gire, District Attorney
BY: Mary Green, Chief Investigator
DATE: February 22, 2022
SUBJECT: Approval of the Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Cal OES Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Adopt a resolution ratifying the execution of the grant and authorizing District Attorney Gire to execute any amendments and extensions for the grant subaward agreement with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program grant in the amount of \$203,143 for the period of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, with a required County match of \$67,714, for a total program cost of \$270,286.
2. Approve Budget Amendment #AM-00605 increasing revenue and expenditures by \$203,143, in the District Attorney’s Office Budget, CC11001.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County District Attorney’s Office works to mitigate domestic/intimate partner violence through the prosecution and investigation of crimes related to domestic violence as well as the provision of resources for victims. Currently, the Family Protection unit works with an assigned District Attorney Investigator and a District Attorney Victim Advocate, to advance prosecution and provide support to these vulnerable victims and their children. Services provided by the Placer County District Attorney’s Office include referrals to housing, home safety improvement services, crime victim compensation, criminal protective orders, and referrals to community-based partners.

The District Attorney’s Office has been awarded \$203,142 from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program grant, designed to create a coordinated response to victims of domestic violence and their children. The Placer County District Attorney’s Office will utilize these funds to support the investigation of domestic violence and its related crimes, and to provide immediate victim advocacy for these cases, through a partnership with Stand Up Placer. This partnership will involve second tier “pass through funds” in the amount of \$45,000 to Stand Up Placer, providing compensation for an assigned Domestic Violence Counselor.

Funds will enhance a countywide response to intimate partner violence by providing for immediate advocacy and investigation following arrest in these complex cases. The partnership with



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Stand Up Placer will enhance current advocacy services offered by the District Attorney's office through co-location, communication and direct linkage to service providers. Funds will also provide training for first responders, and the continued development of effective practices related to the response to, and investigation of, domestic violence. Monies allocated to this program are for one year and require a resolution approval to receive the funds. A County match is required as part of this program. The match will be funded through existing funds within the District Attorney's Office, no additional General Fund will be required. Following anticipated approval of this item, the District Attorney's Office will execute an MOU with Stand Up Placer governing the appropriate uses for funds.

Acceptance of this grant ensures a coordinated multidisciplinary response to domestic violence through funding a current DA Investigator, and a contribution of \$45,000 to Stand Up Placer for a Domestic Violence Counselor. This grant also funds an emergency victim fund for basic needs, program materials and supplies, a laptop and docking station for the co-located Domestic Violence Counselor, and additional training.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Law Enforcement Specialized Unit subaward allocates funding for one year in the amount of \$203,143. Through #AM-00605, the associated revenues and expenditures will be amended to the District Attorney's (CC11001) FY 2021-22 Budget and will be included the District Attorney's FY 2022-23 Requested Budget. A required match of \$67,143, which is already included in the District Attorney's FY 2021-22 Budget, will result in a total program cost of \$270,286.

Attachment: Resolution

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION BY MORGAN GIRE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BETWEEN CALOES, AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS AND EXTENSIONS THEREOF FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED UNITS AND THE COUNTY OF PLACER AGREEMENT LE 21 0310

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:

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 Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as CalOES) through grant funding. The Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program provides funding for a District Attorney Investigator and Domestic Violence Counselor, via a pass through agreement, to provide emergency support, investigation, and resources to victims of domestic violence and their children in Placer County.

WHEREAS, CalOES has authorized and allocated \$203,143 for the period of January 1, 2022 – December 30, 2022 with a required match of \$67,714 or a total grant award of \$270,857 to implement this project subject to the execution of a Grant Award Agreement for the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program and acknowledgement of the terms and conditions contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Attorney of the County of Placer's execution of the Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program subaward grant agreement with Cal OES is hereby ratified and the District Attorney of the County of Placer is authorized to execute any amendments and extensions thereto.

