



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 7/16/2024

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Services

Staff Name and Phone Number: Donna Broadbent, 707-565-4349; Regina de Melo, 707-565-4346

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Adopt a Resolution to Accept Funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the Redwood Children's Center

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of the Human Services Department to accept Victims of Crime Act grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Victims Services Branch, in the amount of \$200,000 for Subaward # KC23 02 0490 for the grant period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and execute the grant subaward on behalf of the County of Sonoma, including any extensions or amendments.

Executive Summary:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Victims of Crime Act Child Advocacy Center Program, awards funding to develop and support accredited Child Advocacy Centers throughout California. The Redwood Children's Center is the accredited Child Advocacy Center in Sonoma County operated by the Human Services Department. The Redwood Children's Center has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Office of Emergency Services which will be used to provide therapy, advocacy and other supportive services for child victims of abuse and their families and will support continuing professional development for involved staff and agency partners.

Discussion:

The Family, Youth and Children's Services (FYC) division of the Human Services Department provides services to families with active child welfare cases, as well as an array of child abuse prevention services to support families prior to or as a diversion from formal involvement with the child welfare system. Within the FYC division is the Redwood Children's Center (RCC), which is available to any child, teen, or adult with developmental disabilities that is the victim of sexual abuse, exploitation, physical abuse or witness to violent crimes.

RCC is an accredited Child Advocacy Center and is the coordination hub for investigation and intervention services for victims of sexual and physical abuse or assault. In addition to providing forensic interviews, RCC staff coordinate an array of related services for victims including forensic sexual assault exams, victim advocacy, and therapy and case management services for victims and their families. RCC is co-located in the Family Justice Center so victims can easily access services with other co-located service providers, including the rape crisis center, law enforcement, Adult Protective Services, Verity, the Department of Health Services, the District Attorney's office, and various mental health providers. RCC utilizes a multi-disciplinary team

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approach in which committed staff from partner agencies work closely together on every case to ensure that services and follow up is well-coordinated in order to minimize impact for the victim.

RCC has utilized the Office of Emergency Services funding since 2018 to improve and increase services for victims in a trauma-informed setting. Over the last several years, funding has been used for trauma-informed and evidence-based mental health treatment, victim support and advocacy, and support to maintain the multi-disciplinary approach to service. In fiscal year 2024-2025, Office of Emergency Services funding will be utilized to continue providing clients with evidence-based therapy services through contracted providers and will fund additional professional development opportunities for the multi-disciplinary team.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

08-03-2023: Adopted a resolution authorizing 2023 Cal OES Child Advocacy Center Program Grant Funding

07-12-2022: Adopted a resolution authorizing 2023 Cal OES Child Advocacy Center Program Grant Funding

06-08-2021: Adopted a resolution authorizing 2022 Cal OES Child Advocacy Center Program Grant Funding

07-14-2020: Adopted a resolution authorizing 2021 Cal OES Child Advocacy Center Program Grant Funding

07-10-2018: Approved new positions and funding from Cal OES for training and enhancements at RCC

FISCAL SUMMARY

| Expenditures | FY24-25 Adopted | FY25-26 Projected | FY26-27 Projected |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Budgeted Expenses | 150,000 | | |
| Additional Appropriation Requested | | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$150,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Funding Sources | | | |
| General Fund/WA GF | | | |
| State/Federal | \$150,000 | | |
| Fees/Other | | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | | |
| General Fund Contingencies | | | |
| Total Sources | \$150,000 | \$0 | \$0 |

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

HSD received a \$200,000 grant from Cal OES to administer the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) KC grant. Funding of \$50,000 was included with the HSD FY23/24 budget and \$150,000 is included in HSD's FY24/25 adopted

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budget. No county general fund local match is needed for this grant.

| Staffing Impacts: None | | | |
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| Position Title (Payroll Classification) | Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step) | Additions (Number) | Deletions (Number) |
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Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

- A) Resolution Accepting Cal OES Child Advocacy Center Program Grant Funding
- B) Notification of Subaward

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None