



Legislation Text

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To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): District Attorney
Staff Name and Phone Number: Shane Lewis 565-3150
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Professional Services Agreement Amendment with YWCA for the District Attorney's Family Justice Center Program

Recommended Action:

Authorize the District Attorney to execute an Amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement with the YWCA to provide an additional Navigator for five months who will provide case management, advocacy, and referral services to victims of domestic violence from April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 for an additional amount of \$22,500. This amendment will be funded by United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women's Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program.

Executive Summary:

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has approved the acceptance of two grants by the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office:

- 1) United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women's Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program; and
- 2) United States Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime's Creating New Pathways of Hope and Healing for Polyvictims Program; and

These grants rely upon partnerships with community-based organizations, such as the YWCA, to achieve the goals set forth in the programs. The contract amendment with the YWCA of Sonoma County exceeds \$100,000 in the 2021 calendar year and requires approval by the Board.

Discussion:

Managed by the District Attorney's Office, the Family Justice Center Sonoma County (FJCSC) is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, co-located service center in Santa Rosa that provides services to victims of sexual assault/domestic violence, child/elder abuse, dating violence, and stalking in Sonoma County.

These grants rely upon partnerships with community-based organizations to achieve the goals set forth in the programs supported with the grant funds. The District Attorney's Office contract with the YWCA of Sonoma County is required for the successful execution of these grant programs.

The YWCA of Sonoma County supports families affected by domestic violence by providing safe shelter, therapy, advocacy, and on-going support. These contracts were single-sourced as YWCA of Sonoma County is

the only domestic violence advocacy agency in Sonoma County.

The Family Justice Center Sonoma County has established, working relationships with governmental and community organizations to ensure coordinated services are provided to victims. Funding bolstered the number of staff for the District Attorney's office and the Community Based Organizations. This allowed for shortened wait times for clients to begin their service delivery process. Staff provides emergency resources and services outreach, advocacy, navigation, case management and legal services to victims.

Under the Office on Violence Against Women's Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program and the Office for Victims of Crime's Creating New pathways of Hope and Healing for Polyvictims Program, YWCA coordinates and staffs the FJCSC Navigator program with two full-time Family Justice Center Navigators who work on-site at the FJCSC, providing advocacy and counseling and ongoing case management services to victims of domestic violence, and facilitating the development and implementation of client referral and tracking systems. The FJCSC Navigators provide English-Spanish bilingual screenings, group case management, court accompaniment, and access to shelter and therapy for victims; facilitate or translate DV educational support groups in Spanish to Victims of domestic violence; work with FJCSC to offer training for interns and staff working directly with victims of domestic violence; and respond to hotline calls from Santa Rosa Police Department to accompany law enforcement on DV calls and follow up with victims who demonstrate interest in YWCA and FJCSC services. With this amendment and the use of cost savings in other grant areas, the YWCA will be able to continue to provide one additional full-time Navigator for five months. This Navigator was initially funded through a California Office of Emergency Services grant, from January 2019 through March 2021. Unfortunately, this grant was not included in the current state budget.

For calendar year 2021, this Professional Services Agreement between the District Attorney's Office and the YWCA of Sonoma County totals \$113,083.02. As a result, this Amendment requires approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Prior Board Actions:

April 14, 2020: Board approved acceptance of Professional Service Agreements with YWCA Sonoma County to provide services under two grant programs for the County of Sonoma, Sonoma County District Attorney's Office and the Family Justice Center: 1) Office on Violence Against Women "Transforming Family Justice Center Services: Creating New Pathways of Hope and Healing for Polyvictims Program, and 2) Office on Violence Against Women: "Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program." Services provided by YWCA include case management, advocacy, and referral services to victims of domestic violence and outreach and referral services to unsheltered victims of domestic violence for the grant term October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022

October 22, 2019: Board approved acceptance of the 2019-2022 United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women "Transforming Family Justice Center Services: Creating New Pathways of Hope and Healing for Polyvictims Program," and Office of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women "Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program for the County of Sonoma, Sonoma County District Attorney's Office, and the Family Justice Center.

November 1, 2016: Board approved the acceptance of the 2016-19 United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Office for Victims of Crime "A Pathway to Justice, Healing, and Hope: Addressing Polyvictimization in a Family Justice Center Setting Demonstration Initiative" and Office of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women "Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program," For the County of Sonoma, Sonoma County District Attorney's Office, and the Family Justice Center.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$13,500	\$9,000	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$13,500	\$9,000	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	\$13,500	\$9,000	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$13,500	\$9,000	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The cost of the additional services for five months is \$22,500. This will be addressed through reallocation of budget items within the grant and administratively with the County Administrator's Office. This program is entirely grant-funded and there are sufficient grant funds to accommodate this increase. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund and no additional appropriation is needed.

The total amount paid to the YWCA under this amendment does exceed \$100,000.00 in the 2021 calendar year period, therefore Board approval is required. The contract costs will be fully reimbursed by the grants, with no General Fund support required.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

No staffing impacts

Attachments:

YWCA First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement

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

None