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August 23, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT FOURTEENTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SEVAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004-05 (FIRST, SECOND AND FOURTH DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant award funding for SEVAP from OES in the amount of \$110,000, with a required 20 percent match of \$27,500 for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Program cost for this period totaled \$141,294. The department absorbed the match and the remaining program cost of \$3,794.
2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not affect the net County cost of the program.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This program provides specialized, bilingual and bicultural victim services to underserved and unserved victims of violent and/or gang related crimes in the East Los Angeles, Monterey Park/Montebello, Compton, Inglewood and Long Beach areas. The direct, comprehensive services provided include: crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, emergency services, court support, Victim Compensation application assistance, as well as in-service resource referrals, training to law enforcement agencies and community outreach.

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Administrative restructuring at OES delayed the 2004-05 grant award notification which was received by the department July 11, 2005.

Board approval is required to accept these grant funds.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:**

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the State level.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Funding for this program was included in the department's 2004-05 budget. The total amount awarded for FY 2004-05 was \$110,000 with a required 20 percent match of \$27,500. The program cost totaled \$141,294. OES funded 78% of the total program cost with the department absorbing the match and the remaining program cost of \$3,794.

There were no changes in program staffing which consisted of 2.0 Victim Services Representatives, 1.0 Student Professional Worker, and .25 Supervising Victim Services Representative.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Supervisors designated the District Attorney's Office, through its Victim Assistance Program, as the major provider of comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of crime, and as the agency to receive funds pursuant to Penal Code Section 13835.2.

SEVAP provides direct services and outreach to Special Emphasis crime victims. These victims are defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crime and are presently underserved (e.g., family members of homicide victim, the elderly or drunk driving victims and their families).

Funding for this program was established 14 years ago and the District Attorney's Office has successfully implemented and maintained this program to serve victims of crime in the East Los Angeles, Monterey Park/Montebello, Compton, Inglewood and Long Beach areas.

As noted in the chart below, the number of new clients served has been increasing significantly each fiscal year since 2001-02. Most of the clients assisted by the SEVAP have been surviving relatives of gang homicide, however, the last two fiscal years have reported large increases in assistance to the number of victims of assault. In FY 2002-03 there were 272 victims of assault assisted, this number increased by 32% to 360 in FY 2003-04 and in FY 2004-05 the number increased by 59% to 572.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>New clients served</u>	<u>% increase</u>	<u>Surviving relatives of homicide victims</u>	<u>%Increase/ %Decrease</u>
2001-02	497		215	
2002-03	659	33%	348	62%
2003-04	816	24%	386	11%
2004-05	980	20%	313	-19%

SEVAP also provided public awareness of the services available. Staff participated in community outreach, which included providing presentations at community events and meetings of various organizations. SEVAP staff also attended law enforcement briefings with officers assigned to gang units, and monthly meetings of the Southern California Association of Gang Investigators to keep them updated on current victim-related issues of gang violence and with Victim Witness Assistance policies and procedures.

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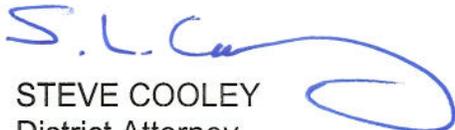
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

**CONCLUSION:**

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for the program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Unit, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Very truly yours,

  
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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** District Attorney

**Grant Project Title and Description**

The Special Emphasis Victim Assistance Program will provide direct, comprehensive services and outreach to special emphasis crime victims who are defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crime and are presently underserved (e.g., family members of homicide victim, the elderly or drunk driving victims and their families). Services include crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, emergency services, court support, resource referrals, Victim Compensation application assistance, as well as, in-service training to law enforcement agencies and community outreach. East Los Angeles, Monterey Park/Montebello, Compton, Inglewood, and Long Beach are the target areas to be served by this program.

<b>Funding Agency</b> Office of Emergency Services (OES)	<b>Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)</b>	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b>
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<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$110,000	<b>County Match:</b> \$27,500	
<b>Grant Period:</b> 2004-05	<b>Begin Date:</b> July 1, 2004	<b>End Date:</b> June 30, 2005
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b>	<b>Full Time:</b> <u>3</u>	<b>Part Time:</b> <u>1</u>

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No     

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No     

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes      No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes      No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes      No X

(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No     

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

None.

Department Head Signature S.L. [Signature] Date 8/26/05