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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 SIXTEENTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SEVAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006-07
(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. The program award is based on a program cost of $137,500, with a required 20 percent match of $27,500. The grant award period is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Program Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not increase 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 gang related crimes in the 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, resource referrals, as well as training to law enforcement agencies, and community outreach.

Board approval is required to accept the grant award.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assist underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the 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

The estimated program cost for FY 2006-07 is $141,827. Grant funds in the amount of $110,000 were awarded with a required 20 percent match of $27,500, for a total program cost of $137,500. The department will absorb the required match of $27,500, and the additional program cost of $4,327. Funding for this program was included in the department's 2006-07 budget.

Program staffing consists of two (2) Victim Services Representative IIs funded at 100%, and one (1) Supervising Victim Services Representative partially funded at 15%.

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.

This program was established 16 years ago to provide services to victims of gang crime. While gang crime continues to be a serious problem throughout Los Angeles County, it is particularly significant in the targeted communities of Compton, Inglewood, and Long Beach. In the 2005-06 fiscal year, the LA County Sheriff's Department reported 154 gang-related homicides and 911 assaults; Inglewood Police Department reported 9 gang-related homicides and 164 assaults; and Long Beach Police Department reported 29 gang-related homicides and 349 assaults. SEVAP advocates assist hundreds of victims of gang violence and their immediate families to ensure they receive all mandatory and optional services available.

The chart below provides the number of new clients served, by fiscal year, beginning in FY2003-04.

Fiscal Year	New Clients Served	Victims of Assault
2003-04	816	360
2004-05	980	573
2005-06	879	586

The number of new clients served in the first six months of FY2006-07 is 723, of which 435 were victims of assault.

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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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 provides 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 victims, 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. Compton, Inglewood, and Long Beach are the target areas to be served by this program.

Funding Agency	**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
Office of Emergency Services (OES)		

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $110,000		**County Match: $27,500**	
Grant Period:	**Begin Date:** July 1, 2006	**End Date:** June 30, 2007	
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:		**Full Time:** 2	**Part Time** 1

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. Cu **Date** 3/5/07