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May 29, 2007

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 APPLY FOR 7th YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE STALKING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-08 ALL DISTRICTS (3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to submit a grant application for the STAT program to OES for a project total of $240,000 covering the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The grant award amount is $180,000 with a required 25 percent match of $60,000. Both the match amount and the additional program costs of $160,000 will be provided by the Department.

2. Request the Chair of the Board to sign and affix a wet signature to the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form required to complete the OES grant application.

3. Authorize the District Attorney, or his designee, upon award of grant funding by OES, to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement (GAA). This also includes authorization to approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to the grant award that do not increase net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In 1998, Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds were first made available to Los Angeles County in response to the rising number of stalking and criminal threat cases through vertical prosecution by the STAT. Prior to the creation of STAT, there was no centralized unit within the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA)

dedicated to the vertical prosecution of these very serious cases. OES' Request for Application (RFA) instructions require applicants to provide a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form which certifies the applicant's adherence to all of the GAA requirements as directed by OES, including, but not limited to: Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP); Drug Free Workplace Compliance; California Environmental Quality Act; Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements; and Proof of Authority from the City Council/Governing Board. Applicants are required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before the GAA can be finalized.

Board authorization to apply for and accept grant funds is requested in order to comply with OES' RFA requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, through the maximization of revenues to offset program costs. 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.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District Attorney's STAT project for FY 2007-08 is estimated to cost $400,000. After the offset of $180,000 in grant funds, the District Attorney will absorb a total of $220,000, which includes a 25 percent required match of $60,000. Funding for this program is included in the FY 2007-08 proposed budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Federal VAWA funds are available for the vertical prosecution of stalking and criminal threat cases. The LADA STAT handles felony and misdemeanor stalking cases throughout the County. STAT prosecutors coordinate efforts with local law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and the courts. STAT participates in cross-training with specialized law enforcement stalking units and also provides in-house training. STAT uses all available tools to protect stalking victims, including seeking upward bail deviations, criminal protective orders, and maximum penalties upon conviction.

There is a strong link between stalking and other forms of intimate partner violence. National statistics indicate that more than one million women and almost 400,000 men are stalked each year in the United States. Since 1996, the number of stalking and criminal threats cases prosecuted by the LADA has increased 32.5% from 1,752 to 2,322 cases in 2006.

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 approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to call Ms. Patricia Orozco at (213) 202-7651 to pick up two copies of the adopted Board letter and one OES Certification of Assurance Form, with a wet signature. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco or Ms. Corina Calixto at (213) 202-7653.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, STEVE COOLEY hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PROJECT TITLE: STALKING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT)

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: JULIE DIXON SILVA

Title: CHIEF, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIVISION

Address: 201 N. FIGUEROA STREET, SUITE 1455, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 202-7705

Email: jdsilva@lacountyda. org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – *(2006 Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)*

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – *(2006 Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.)* requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (*2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2154)*

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – *(2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2155)*

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: S. L. Cooley

Authorized Official's Typed Name: STEVE COOLEY

Authorized Official's Title: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Date Executed: 5/10/07

Federal Employer ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Typed Name: ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Title: CHAIR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description: STALKING AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT)

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Funding Agency	**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State Office of Emergency Services (OES)	**CFDA #16.588 Violence Against Women Formula Grants**	**N/A**

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $180,000 **County Match:** $60,000

Grant Period: **Begin Date:** July 1, 2007 **End Date:** June 30, 2008

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 2 **Part Time** 0

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** 5/10/07