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October 30, 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 ACCEPT EIGHTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP) 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 accept grant award funding for EAAOP from OES in the amount of $180,000, with a required 20 percent match of $45,000 for a total project cost of $225,000. The grant period is from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

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

3. Upon award of grant funding by OES, 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 increase the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The EAAOP was developed in 1999, to enhance and improve specialized services to seniors who are victims of elder abuse in Los Angeles County. In 2006, Adult Protective Services received 24,687 reported cases of abuse and neglect of elderly and dependent adults in Los Angeles County. The most common forms of reported elder abuse within the County are: physical neglect, mental abuse, financial abuse and physical abuse.

EAAOP Victim Services Representatives (VSRs) assist senior citizens residing in Los Angeles County who are victims of elder abuse. EAAOP VSRs work with medical personnel, care-givers, service providers and law enforcement to identify the symptoms of physical abuse; provide services to elders and their care-givers; and to prevent and respond to incidents of elder physical, mental and financial abuse. EAAOP VSRs also work closely with the DA's Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Unit and line prosecutors handling elder abuse cases. Public awareness and community outreach sessions are provided to law enforcement and community groups throughout Los Angeles County.

The EAAOP has performed the following:

	FY 2005-06	FY 2006-07 (10/1/06 - 3/31/07)
New elder abuse victims/cases served	541	369
Victim referrals to other agencies	362	195
Service provider awareness training	29	80
Number of attendees	567	869
Victim Awareness presentations	25	17
Number of attendees	151,097*	400

*On May 6, 2006, a presentation was made on a public access cable television to a viewer audience of 150,000 residents in Los Angeles County presented by Michael Gargiulo, Deputy-in-Charge of the DA's Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Unit, and Michelle Wallace, Victim Advocate of the EAAOP. The broadcast segment was on senior citizen issues.

As part of the application process, OES requires applicants to complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, which includes details regarding an applicant's Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act Compliance, 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 finalization of the Grant Award Agreement.

Board authorization to accept grant funds is requested in order to comply with County and OES requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is part of the District Attorney's (DA) commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Accepting EAAOP grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by maximizing revenues to offset program costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Grant funds in the amount of $180,000 were awarded to the EAAOP with a required 20 percent match of $45,000, for a total project cost of $225,000. The department will absorb the required match and has included funding in the 2007-08 budget for this program. Program staff consists of three (3) Victim Services Representative II's (VSR) at 100% and one (1) Supervising Victim Services Representative partially funded at 36%.

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

Continued grant funding is contingent upon satisfactory project performance, passage of California's FY 2007-08 State budget, and availability of Federal Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) funds. At this time these contingencies have been satisfied.

The VOCA grant program is authorized by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 10601, et seq. VOCA authorizes federal financial assistance to states for the purpose of compensating and assisting victims of crime, providing funds for training and technical assistance and assisting victims of federal crimes.

Should this program be terminated, specialized victim services to elder and dependant adults in Los Angeles County would not be provided.

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 EAAOP funds, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter and one OES Certification of Assurance of Compliance Form, with a wet signature, to Ms. Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Section, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651 or via email at porozco@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel

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

Department:	**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Grant Project Title and Description	**ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Program (EAAOP) assists elderly and dependent adults residing in Los Angeles County who are the victims of elder abuse. EAAOP staff work closely with medical personnel, care-givers, service providers and law enforcement agencies to identify the symptoms of physical abuse and provide services to elders and their care-givers to prevent and respond to incidents of elder physical, mental and financial abuse.

Funding Agency	**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State Office of Emergency Services (OES)	Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund, CFDA # 16.575, Federal Trust	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $180,000		**County Match:** $45,000
Grant Period: 2007-08	**Begin Date:** October 1, 2007	**End Date:** September 30, 2008
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** 4	**Part Time** 1 **s**

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** 10/11/07

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: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PROJECT TITLE: ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP)

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 ST., SUITE 1455, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 202-7705

Email: jdsilva@da.lacounty.gov

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 in 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: 10/11/07

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: Zev Yaroslavsky

Typed Name: ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Title: CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

BY _____
DEPUTY