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# **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 65 February 27, 2024

<sup>\*</sup> JEFF LEVINSON INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

#### APPROVAL TO UTILIZE THE COUNTY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VICTIM CLAIMS MOBILE SERVICES PROJECT AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

#### CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ( ) DISAPPROVE ( )

### **SUBJECT**

The Los Angeles County (County) District Attorney (DA) is requesting Board approval of an appropriation adjustment and authorization to utilize \$295,000 in one-time funding from the County's Information Technology Infrastructure Fund (ITF) to acquire and implement a Victim Claims mobile services solution.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

 Approve and authorize the use of \$295,000 in one-time funding from the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund to acquire and implement a Victim Claims mobile services solution.
Approve a Fiscal Year 2023-24 appropriation adjustment in the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund to reallocate \$295,000 from Services and Supplies to Other Financing Uses, and to increase the District Attorney's Other Charges budget.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As part of the County's Enterprise Information Technology (IT) Strategic Plan, five (5) teams were created to assist with the furtherance of each IT strategic goal. The Mobility goal team worked with County departments to identify public-facing processes or transactions that are currently manual and submit a proposal to transform them into a mobile/digital service. The DA submitted a proposal for a mobile website to provide a way for victims of crime to more efficiently submit and track expense reimbursement documentation to enable quicker receipt of reimbursement. When a person becomes a crime victim, they may be entitled to certain reimbursement through the California Victim Compensation Board. This may include reimbursement for relocation, funeral & burial expense, medical and dental bills, and mental health treatment. Documentation is required to support claims, and these documents are currently provided primarily by postal mail to the DA's Claims Verification Unit. Reimbursement can currently take 30 to 90 days. Allowing digital submission of such documents via a mobile service would speed the process for assisting victims/claimants and facilitate a quicker recovery.

The Mobility goal team chose the DA's submission as one of the efforts that it supports for assistance. The DA subsequently presented the project and its business case to the Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) and received commitment for the requested funding.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with both the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives: Aggressively address society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges, as well as Goal No. 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: Be an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on public service and advancing the common good.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The ITF was established to fund Countywide or multi-departmental technology projects that improve the delivery of services to the public, generate operational improvements to one or more departments or programs, and improve inter-departmental or inter-agency collaboration.

The estimated one-time cost of services provided by the to-be-determined vendor is not to exceed \$295,000. The County's IT Investment Board approved using the ITF to pay for these services. In addition, approval of appropriation adjustment is requested to reallocate \$295,000 in the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund from Services and Supplies to Other Financing Uses, and to increase the District Attorney's Other Charges budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no legal requirements or prohibitions to this recommended action.

At the recommendation of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), ITIB has approved this request recognizing the value that the solution will provide to victims of crime. Because the Office of the CIO reviewed and approved the business case for this project and the ITIB approved the request, no formal CIO Analysis is required.

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#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The acquisition of the Department's Victim Claims project-related components falls under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Authority and will be accomplished in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

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

The Victim Claims Mobile Services project will have a positive impact on victims of crime seeking reimbursement of expenses incurred, as it will allow for easier submissions and improved vetting of them, leading to faster reimbursement times.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter to Ms. Navjot Kaur, Administrative Deputy, District Attorney's Office, 211 W. Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Brian Cosgrove, Departmental Chief Information Officer, at (213) 344-2452.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Loo Acting Chief Information Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Chief Executive Officer County Counsel

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### **REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

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