



NATHAN J. HOCHMAN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HALL OF JUSTICE
211 WEST TEMPLE STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 (213) 974-3500

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 18, 2025

30 March 18, 2025

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

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD
OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2024-25
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authority for the County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (LADA) to continue to accept grant funding for the Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program for the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and approve appropriation adjustment for FY 2024-25. The VW program with Subaward number VW24 43 0190 is supported with federal and state funds. Federal funds are made possible through the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program 15POVC-24-GG-00612-ASSI with Assistance Listing number 16.575. State funds are made possible through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Service (Cal OES) ID number 037-00000-19 according to California Penal Code section 13835, Public Safety Programs, Victims of Crime General Fund (VCGF) and Victim Witness Assistance (VWA0) with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code number 06037-00000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the LADA to accept grant funds and enter into an agreement with the Cal OES for the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$8,714,340.

This includes VOCA 2024 federal funds of \$4,845,083, VCGF 2024 state funds of \$3,002,600, and VWA0 state funds of \$866,657.

2. Authorize LADA to extend the long-standing sub-grantee agreement (copy attached) through September 30, 2025 with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office (LACA) to provide victim services within the city of Los Angeles. Funding for the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, is as follows: LADA shall receive \$3,633,812 in VOCA 2024 federal funds, \$2,251,950 VCGF 2024 state funds, and \$649,993 in VWA0 2024 state funds for total funding of \$6,535,755; LACA shall receive \$1,211,271 VOCA 2024 federal funds, \$750,650 VCGF 2024 state funds, and \$216,664 in VWA0 2024 state funds for total funding of \$2,178,585 (25 percent of the total grant award) as a contract sub-grantee. The Cal OES shall waive the \$1,211,271 VOCA 2024 match requirement. Therefore, the total cost of the VW program, excluding the in-kind and cash match, is \$8,714,340.

3. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to align the LADA's budget with the grant award.

4. Delegate authority to the District Attorney (DA) or his designee, upon award of grant funding by Cal OES, to accept and execute the Grant Award Agreement and serve as Project Director for the program. This also includes authorization to approve subsequent amendments, modifications, and extensions to the Cal OES grant agreements with no net County cost impact on the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to continue the commitment of LADA's Bureau of Victim Services (BVS) to assist victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the victims themselves as well as their families.

The BVS is the primary service provider for crime victims, their families, and witnesses in Los Angeles County and meets the eligibility requirements to apply for continuation funding for the 43rd consecutive year. A funding chart included in the Request for Application (RFA) designated \$8,714,340 in federal and state funding for Los Angeles County, with a local match requirement of \$1,211,271 and an option for match waiver up to 100 percent, which would reduce the total program cost to \$8,714,340. All grant awards must be expended by September 30, 2025. As part of the application process, applicants are required to complete a Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance form, which includes details regarding Civil Rights Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, and Lobbying.

This RFA marks the first year of Cal OES transition from its paper-based application to an online platform, Grant Central System.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan, North Star No.1, Make Investments that Transform Lives: Los Angeles County is a highly responsive organization investing in solutions that address our most complex societal challenges (health, jobs, housing, food insecurity, and recidivism) affecting our most vulnerable communities – one person at a time; North Star No. 2, Foster Vibrant And Resilient Communities: Investments in the lives of County residents are sustainable only when grounded in strong communities. Los Angeles County, with the support of a network of public/private partners, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, philanthropic organizations, and local governments, will foster vibrant and resilient

communities; and North Star No.3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: The increasingly dynamic and complex environment challenges our collective abilities to respond to public needs and expectations. Los Angeles County is an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on advancing the common good and being fiscally responsible.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

LADA's application requests grant funding for \$8,714,340 with a waived local match requirement of \$1,211,271, for a total program cost of \$9,925,611 for the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Of this amount, LADA shall receive \$3,633,812 in federal funds and \$2,901,943 in state funds for a total of \$6,535,755. LACA shall receive \$1,211,271 in federal funds plus \$967,314 in state funds for a total of \$2,178,585 (25 percent of the total grant award) as a contract sub-grantee. The Cal OES shall waive the \$1,211,271 VOCA match requirement for this grant. Therefore, the total cost of the VW program, excluding the in-kind and cash match, is \$8,714,340. No net County cost impact is associated with the proposed grant award.

Approval of the attached appropriation adjustment is requested to align the LADA's budget with the grant award. This adjustment reflects an increase of \$2,237,000 in State revenue and a corresponding decrease of \$2,237,000 in federal revenue. This amount has been pro-rated for FY 2024-25 and rounded to the nearest thousand.

If funding for this program were curtailed or terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued, with costs absorbed by LADA, or discontinued with staff attrition or reallocation to vacant budgeted positions. Payments by the County to the City, as a contract sub-grantee, would be contingent upon the availability of federal and state funding. If the County does not receive the full amount from the federal and State governments, the City has acknowledged that its portion of the grant will be reduced in an amount to be determined by LADA.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

LADA, as the primary provider of victim services, has administered the VW program through a decentralized, prosecution-based program according to Penal Code section 13835.2 for over forty years. The BVS is responsible for the VW program and several other programs that provide mandatory and optional victim services throughout the County.

The VW program is structured to meet the needs of victims and witnesses as they enter the criminal justice system and to help stabilize them emotionally and financially so that trauma can be minimized. As mandated by statute, Victim Services Representatives (VSR) provide direct services to victims of all types of crimes. They assist many impoverished victims with immediate needs for intensive assistance, including bare subsistence, witness protection, and relocation. The growing number of people living in poverty in the County, particularly children and elders, contributes to the increased demand for victim services. Additionally, the high number of violent crimes in the County creates a crucial need for specialized victim advocacy services, including assistance to the families of homicide victims, victims of gang-related crimes, and child victims.

Currently, the BVS provides victim services at 42 victim service centers, and the City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program operates 23 victim service centers.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, LADA 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 of the Board is requested to return one copy of the adopted Board letter to Ms. Julien Tan of LADA's Grants and Contracts Section at 211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90012-3205.

Any questions may be directed to Ms. Tan at (213) 257-2738, or jtan@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



NATHAN J. HOCHMAN

District Attorney

jt

Enclosures

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

**Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More**

Department	DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
-------------------	-----------------------------------

Grant Project Title and Description	VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP)
--	---

The VWAP has been the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime since 1977. This program was established to create a decentralized, prosecution-based victim assistance program throughout Los Angeles County to assist victims of all types of crime. The District Attorney's Office maintains a close working relationship with its contract subgrantee, the Los Angeles City Attorney, and has maintained long-term professional relationships with law enforcement and prosecutors. VWAP sets goals each year and provides services to approximately 25,000 victims annually.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	PENAL CODE §13835 et seq.	N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding	\$8,714,340	County Match	\$0
--------------------------------------	--------------------	---------------------	------------

Grant Period	Begin Date: October 1, 2024	End Date: September 30, 2025
---------------------	------------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant	Full Time: 65	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	<u>X</u>	No	___
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	<u>X</u>	No	___
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes	___	No	<u>X</u>
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	<u>X</u>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	___	No	<u>X</u>


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

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None

Department Head Signature 

 NATHAN J. HOCHMAN

Date 1/24/25

March 18, 2025

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2024-25

3 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY A01-DA-88-8850-14030 OCJP -VICTIM WITNESS INCREASE REVENUE	2,237,000	DISTRICT ATTORNEY A01-DA-90-9077-14030 FEDERAL - VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) DECREASE REVENUE	2,237,000
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 2,237,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 2,237,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects a decrease in federal revenue and corresponding increase in State revenue for the Victim Witness Assistance Program to align the District Attorney's budget with the grant award for the Victim Witness Assistance Program from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 March 18, 2025

Digitally signed by Mher Avetisyan
Date: 2025.01.30 16:48:27 -08'00'

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

MHER AVETISYAN, BUDGET SECTION HEAD

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

Edward Yen

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY **Andrea Turner**

B.A. NO. **086**

DATE **1/31/25**

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY **Brian Hoffman**

DATE **2/5/25**

Digitally signed by Brian Hoffman
Date: 2025.02.05 13:56:07 -08'00'

1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3 AGREEMENT FOR
4 THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
5 _____

6 This Agreement is made and entered by and between the County of Los
7 Angeles, a county and political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred
8 to as the County), and the City Of Los Angeles, a chartered municipality organized
9 under the laws of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as the City), collectively
10 referred to as the Parties;

11 **WHEREAS**, the County, pursuant to Penal Code Section 13835, *et seq.*, has
12 designated its Office of the District Attorney through its Victim Witness Assistance
13 Program as a major provider of comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all
14 types of crimes;

15 **WHEREAS**, the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
16 (hereinafter referred to as Cal OES) has awarded the County funds through its Victim
17 Witness Assistance (VW) Program in the amount of \$8,714,340 to provide Victim
18 Witness services, of which \$6,535,755 will be utilized by the County and the remaining
19 portion of \$2,178,585 will be allocated to the City, as a contract sub-grantee, for the
20 performance period of October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025;

21 **WHEREAS**, VW program with Subaward number VW24 43 0190 is supported
22 with federal and state funds. Federal funds are made possible through the United
23 States Department of Justice (DOJ), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Victim Assistance
24 Formula Grant Program 15POVC-24-GG-00612-ASSI with Assistance Listing number
25 16.575. State funds are made possible through the California Governor's Office of
26 Emergency Service (Cal OES) ID number 037-00000-19 according to California Penal

1 Code section 13835, Public Safety Programs, Victim of Crimes General Fund (VCGF),
2 and Victim Witness Assistance (VWA0) with Federal Information Processing Standard
3 (FIPS) code number 06037-00000;

4 **WHEREAS**, the Cal OES has established Program guidelines which provide that
5 there will be only one Program provider in each county;

6 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to participate in such a program for the
7 prosecution of misdemeanor cases within its jurisdictional boundaries and to provide
8 program services at the Central Office of the City Attorney, Central Trials and Metro
9 Branch, Harbor and Pacific Branch, North Valley and Van Nuys Branch, Strength United
10 Family Justice Center, and at the following Los Angeles Police Stations: 77th,
11 Devonshire, Hollenbeck, Newton, Northeast, North Hollywood, Olympic, Pacific,
12 Rampart, Southeast, Southwest, Van Nuys, West Los Angeles, and Wilshire;

13 **WHEREAS**, the City has the capability of providing such services and the County
14 desires for the City to provide such services; and

15 **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants as herein
16 set forth and the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the Parties agree as follows:

17 **1. SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

18 The City shall provide services that are primary to the maintenance of a
19 comprehensive center responsive to the basic needs of victims and witnesses. As
20 required by Penal Code Section 13835.4, the City shall deliver services by providing the
21 following:

- 22 • Services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes;
- 23 • Translation for non-English speaking victims and witnesses;
- 24 • Follow-up contact with victims and witnesses;
- 25 • Field visits whenever necessary to provide services;
- 26 • Encourage community involvement and volunteer participation;

- Special services specific to the needs of the hearing impaired;
- Special services specific to the needs of the disabled; and
- Services appropriate to the special needs of elderly victims.

The City shall provide the following two (2) categories of Victim Witness services: mandatory and optional services.

A. **Mandatory Services:**

- crisis intervention
- emergency assistance
- resource and referral assistance
- direct counseling
- assistance with victim of crime claims
- property return
- orientation to the criminal justice system
- court escort/court support
- presentations and training for criminal justice agencies and victim service organizations
- public presentations and publicity
- case disposition/case status
- notification of friends and relatives
- employer notification
- restitution assistance

B. **Optional Services** (These services are included to allow centers the latitude to develop services responsive to local needs):

- employer intervention
- creditor intervention
- child care assistance

- witness protection
- temporary restraining order assistance
- transportation assistance
- court waiting area
- funeral arrangements
- crime prevention information

2. TIME AND PERFORMANCE:

Said services of the City are to, and the City certifies did, commence on October 1, 2024, and shall terminate on September 30, 2025. The County and the City can automatically renew this Agreement in writing, contingent upon the County receiving sufficient grant funds from Cal OES.

3. COMPENSATION:

In consideration of the services provided under this Agreement, the County shall allocate to the City, as a contract sub-grantee, an amount not to exceed \$2,178,585 for the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Payments shall constitute full and complete compensation for the City's services under this Agreement. The County will pay the City from the funds the County receives from Cal OES. Any such payments shall be contingent upon the availability of Cal OES funds and shall not be charged upon any other County funds.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT:

A. The District Attorney (DA) of the County, or his designated representative, is designated as the County's Project Director, who shall have full authority to act for the County in the administration of this Agreement consistent with the provisions contained herein.

B. The City Attorney of the City, or his designated representative, is designated as the City's Project Director, who shall have full authority to act for the City

1 in the administration of this Agreement consistent with the provisions contained herein.

2 C. The County's Victim Witness Assistance Program and the City's Victim
3 Assistance Program will coordinate services and will adhere to all provisions of the
4 Agreement set forth in the grant proposal. Should either of the Parties become aware
5 of conflicts or issues of mutual concern, the Parties agree to meet and confer to
6 determine the best possible resolution in the interests of the client population the
7 programs serve.

8 **5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & DIRECTIVES:**

9 All Parties agree to be bound by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws,
10 ordinances, regulations, and directives as they pertain to the performance of this
11 Agreement. All Parties agree to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Cal OES
12 2024 Subrecipient Handbook, which can be found at [https://www.caloes.ca.gov/
13 cal-oes-divisions/grants-management/victim-services/handbooks-reports-publications](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management/victim-services/handbooks-reports-publications)
14 and which is incorporated herein to this Agreement.

15 **6. DISCRIMINATION:**

16 No person shall, on the grounds of race, sex, creed, color, or natural origin, be
17 excluded from participation in, or be refused the benefits of, any activities, programs or
18 employment supported by this Agreement.

19 **7. ACCOUNTING:**

20 The City must establish and maintain on a current basis an adequate accounting
21 system in accordance with the U.S. General Accounting Office Standards for audit of
22 governmental organizations, programs, activities and functions issued by the U.S.
23 General Accounting Office.

24 **8. CHANGES IN AGREEMENT AMOUNT:**

25 The County reserves the right to reduce the Agreement amount when the
26 County's fiscal monitoring indicates that the City's rate of expenditure will result in

1 unspent funds at the end of the program year. Changes in this Agreement amount will
2 be made after consultation with the City. Such changes shall be effective upon written
3 notice to the City and the County Project Directors.

4 **9. AUDIT PROVISIONS:**

5 The City shall comply with the Cal OES 2024 Recipient Handbook, Section
6 8151.1 (b), in securing a financial audit. The City may budget up to one and a half
7 percent (1.5%) of the total grant award for the financial audit cost. The City shall make
8 available to the County, the Controller of the State of California, Cal OES and their
9 authorized representatives for purposes of inspection and audit, any and all of its books,
10 papers, documents, financial and other records pertaining to the operation of this
11 Agreement. The aforesaid records shall be available for inspection and audit during
12 regular business hours throughout the term of this Agreement, and for a period of seven
13 (7) years after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

14 **10. PROGRAM EVALUATION AND INSPECTION:**

15 The City shall permit the County, and authorized representatives of Cal OES, to
16 inspect and review its facilities and program operations intermittently upon request by
17 the County and Cal OES. Said representatives may monitor the operations of this
18 Agreement to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. In the event
19 that any such inspection reveals a violation of any provision of this Agreement and the
20 CITY fails to correct any such violation to the satisfaction of the County within a
21 reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) days, the County may unilaterally terminate this
22 Agreement by giving the City ten (10) days written notice of such termination.

23 **11. AUDIT EXCEPTIONS BY COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES:**

24 The City agrees that in the event the program established hereunder is subjected
25 to audit exceptions by appropriate County, State or Federal audit agencies, the City
26 shall be responsible for complying with such exceptions and paying the County the full

1 amount of the liability incurred by the County to Cal OES from such audit exceptions.

2 **12. TERMINATION AND TERMINATION COSTS:**

3 This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party upon giving thirty
4 (30) days written notice to the other party. The County may immediately terminate this
5 Agreement upon the termination, suspension, discontinuation, or substantial reduction
6 in Cal OES funding for the Agreement activity. In such event, the City shall be
7 compensated for all services rendered and all associated costs incurred in accordance
8 with the terms of this Agreement that have not been previously reimbursed, to the date
9 of said termination to the extent Cal OES funds are available. All remaining funds not
10 compensated to the City by termination of this Agreement will revert back to the County.
11 Payment shall be made only upon filing with the County, by the City, of vouchers
12 evidencing the time expended and said cost incurred. Said vouchers must be filed with
13 the County within thirty (30) days of the date of said termination.

14 **13. INDEPENDENT STATUS:**

15 Both Parties hereto in the performance of this Agreement will be acting in an
16 independent capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint venturers, or
17 associates of one another. The employees or agent of one party shall not be deemed
18 or construed to be the agent or employees of the other party for any purpose
19 whatsoever.

20 **14. ASSIGNMENT:**

21 No performance of this Agreement or any section thereof may be assigned or
22 subcontracted by the City without the express written consent of the County, and any
23 attempt by the City to assign or subcontract any performance of the terms of this
24 Agreement shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this
25 Agreement.

26 ///

1 **15. HOLD HARMLESS:**

2 A. Neither the County nor any officer or employee thereof shall be
3 responsible for any damages or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted
4 to be done by the City, or in connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to
5 the City under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that, pursuant to
6 Government Code Section 895.4, the City shall fully indemnify and hold the County, its
7 officers and employees, harmless from any liability occurring by reason of anything
8 done or omitted to be done by the City or any officer or employee thereof under or in
9 connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to the City under this Agreement.

10 B. Neither the City, nor any officer or employee thereof shall be responsible
11 for any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done
12 by the County under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that pursuant to
13 Government Code Section 895.4, the County shall indemnify and hold the City, its
14 officers and employees, harmless from any liability imposed by reason of anything done
15 or omitted to be done by the County, or any officer or employee thereof, under or in
16 connection with any authority or jurisdiction delegated to the County under this
17 Agreement.

18 **16. MONITORING:**

19 The County shall have the authority to cause regular monitoring of this
20 Agreement to verify that the City is operating in accordance with the grant award and
21 the services to be performed thereto.

22 **17. NOTICES:**

23 Notices and other correspondence shall be sent to the County as follows:

24 SHAUN GIPSON, Special Assistant
25 Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
26 Bureau of Administrative Services
211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3205

1 Notices and other correspondence shall be sent to the City as follows:

2 DENISE MILLS, Chief Deputy
3 Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
4 Victim Assistance Program
200 North Main Street, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4133

5 **18. WAIVER:**

6 No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall
7 constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to
8 enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be
9 construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this sub-paragraph
10 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by
11 law or under this Agreement.

12 **19. ALTERATION OF TERMS:**

13 This writing fully expresses all understandings between the Parties concerning
14 the matters covered herein and shall constitute the total Agreement. No addition to, or
15 alteration of, the terms of this Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of
16 the Parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made
17 in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement formally approved and executed
18 by both Parties.

19 **20. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE:**

20 This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the
21 laws of the State of California. The Parties agree and consent to the exclusive
22 jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this
23 agreement and further agree and consent that venue of any action brought hereunder
24 shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

25 //

26 //

1 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County and the City of Los Angeles enter into this
2 Agreement for the Victim Witness Assistance Program, to be signed by its duly
3 authorized officers, as of the date of the execution of the last signatory set forth below.
4

5 County of Los Angeles (County)

City of Los Angeles (City)

6
7 By _____
8 Nathan J. Hochman
 District Attorney

By _____
Hydee Feldstein Soto
City Attorney

9
10 Date: _____

Date: _____

11
12
13 APPROVED AS TO FORM BY
14 COUNTY COUNSEL:

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY
CITY COUNSEL:

15 DAWYN R. HARRISON

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO

16
17 By Lawrence Green
18 Lawrence Green
 Senior Deputy County Counsel

By _____
Barak Vaughn
Deputy City Attorney