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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

January 06, 2026

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

38 January 6, 2026

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EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS, ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS, AND ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
FOR THE GRANT PERIOD  
FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026  
AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

## **SUBJECT**

This Board Letter requests authority for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) to complete the grant application process, accept grant funds, and enter into an agreement with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the continued grant for the Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program for the grant period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and to approve an appropriation adjustment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. The VW program with Subaward number VW25030301 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 with Assistance Listing number 16.575. State funds are made possible through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) ID number 037-95047-19 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 06037-95047.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the LADA to complete the grant application process, accept grant funds, and enter into an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for grant funds in the amount of \$8,714,343, covering the grant period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. This includes VOCA 2022 federal funds of \$1,200,531, VOCA 2025 federal funds of \$3,217,716, VCGF 2025 state funds of \$3,429,439, and VWA0 2025 state funds of \$866,657.
2. Authorize LADA to extend the long-standing sub-grantee agreement (copy attached) through September 30, 2026, with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office (LACA) to provide victim services within the city of Los Angeles. Funding for the grant period is as follows: LADA shall receive \$1,200,531 in VOCA 2022 federal funds, \$3,217,716 in VOCA 2025 federal funds, \$1,250,853 in VCGF 2025 state funds, and \$866,657 in VWA0 2025 state funds for a total funding of \$6,535,757; LACA shall receive \$2,178,586 in VCGF 2025 state funds (25 percent of the total grant award) as a contract sub-grantee. The Cal OES shall waive the match requirements of \$300,133 in VOCA 2022 and \$804,429 in VOCA 2025, for a total of \$1,104,562. Therefore, the total cost of the VW program, excluding the in-kind and cash match, is \$8,714,343.
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 designee, to execute the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) and serve as the Grant Subaward Authorized Agent or Representative (Project Director) for the program. This also includes authorization to sign and approve any revisions, subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions to Cal OES GAAs that have no net County cost impact to the Los Angeles County and subject to County Counsel approval as to form; and to apply, submit, and execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future and similar funding opportunities become available.

### **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 44th consecutive year. A funding chart included in the Request for Application (RFA) designated \$8,714,343 in federal and state funding for Los Angeles County, with a local match requirement of \$1,104,562 and an option for match waiver up to 100 percent, which would reduce the total program cost to \$8,714,343. All grant awards must be expended by September 30, 2026. 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.

Board authorization is requested to complete the grant application process, accept grant funds, and enter into an agreement in accordance with County and Cal OES requirements.

### **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 affecting our most vulnerable communities and populations – one person at a time; and 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.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

LADA's application requests grant funding for \$8,714,343 with a waived local match requirement of \$1,104,562, for a total program cost of \$9,818,905 for the grant period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Of this amount, LADA shall receive \$4,418,247 in federal funds and \$2,117,510 in state funds for a total of \$6,535,757. LACA shall receive \$2,178,586 in state funds (25 percent of the total grant award) as a contract sub-grantee. The Cal OES shall waive the VOCA match requirements of \$1,104,562 for this grant. Therefore, the total cost of the VW program, excluding the in-kind and cash match, is \$8,714,343. 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 \$1,453,000 in state revenue and a corresponding decrease of \$1,453,000 in federal revenue. This amount has been pro-rated for FY 2025-26 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 27 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. Nardeen Elia 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. Elia at (213) 257-2806, or [nelia@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:nelia@da.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



NATHAN J. HOCHMAN

District Attorney

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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**

<b>Department</b>	DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
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<b>Grant Project Title and Description</b>	VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE (VW) PROGRAM
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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 <small>(Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</small>	Grant Acceptance Deadline
CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	PENAL CODE §13835	Jan-20-2026

<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding</b>	\$8,714,343	<b>County Match</b>	\$0
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<b>Grant Period</b>	Begin Date: October 1, 2025	End Date: September 30, 2026
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<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant</b>	Full Time: 65	Part Time: 1
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**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? ( <i>Penal code 13835</i> )	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

11/25/25

January 06, 2026

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 2025-26  
3 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY A01-DA-88-8850-14030 OCJP - VICTIM WITNESS INCREASE REVENUE	1,453,000	DISTRICT ATTORNEY A01-DA-90-9077-14030 FEDERAL - VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) DECREASE REVENUE	1,453,000
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 1,453,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 1,453,000

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.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
38 January 6, 2026

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

Edward Yen  
EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

B.A. NO. 074

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**AGREEMENT FOR**  
**THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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This Agreement is made and entered by and between the County of Los Angeles, a county and political subdivision of the State of California, by and through the Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney (hereinafter referred to as the County), and the City of Los Angeles, a chartered municipality organized under the laws of the State of California, by and through the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney (hereinafter referred to as the City), collectively referred to as the Parties;

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as Cal OES) has awarded the County funds through its Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program in the amount of \$8,714,343 to provide Victim Witness services, of which \$6,535,757 will be utilized by the County and the remaining portion of \$2,178,586 will be allocated to the City, as a contract sub-grantee, for the performance period of October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, VW program with Subaward number VW25030301 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 with Assistance Listing number 16.575. State funds are made possible through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Service (Cal OES) ID number

037-95047-19 according to California Penal Code section 13835, Public Safety Programs, Victim of Crimes General Fund (VCGF), and Victim Witness Assistance (VWA0) with Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code number 06037-95047;

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

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

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

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

**1. SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

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

- Services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes;
- Translation for non-English speaking victims and witnesses;
- Follow-up contact with victims and witnesses;



- Field visits whenever necessary to provide services;
- 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 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 returns
- 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, 2025, and shall terminate on September 30, 2026. 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 \$2,178,586 for the performance period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

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 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.

1 B. The Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, or designated representative,  
2 is designated as the City's Project Director, who shall have full authority to act for the  
3 City in the administration of this Agreement consistent with the provisions contained  
4 herein.

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

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

11 All Parties agree to be bound by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws,  
12 ordinances, regulations, and directives as they pertain to the performance of this  
13 Agreement. All Parties agree to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Cal OES  
14 Subrecipient Handbook 2025-2026, which can be found at [https://www.caloes.ca.gov/](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management/victim-services/handbooks-reports-publications)  
15 [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)  
16 and which is incorporated herein to this Agreement.

17 **6. DISCRIMINATION:**

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

21 **7. ACCOUNTING:**

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

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

2 The County reserves the right to reduce the Agreement amount when the  
3 County's fiscal monitoring indicates that the City's rate of expenditure will result in  
4 unspent funds at the end of the program year. Changes in this Agreement amount will  
5 be made after consultation with the City. Such changes shall be effective upon written  
6 notice to the City and the County Project Directors.

7 **9. AUDIT PROVISIONS:**

8 The City shall comply with the Cal OES Recipient Handbook 2025-2026, Section  
9 8151.1 (b), in securing a financial audit. The City may budget up to one and a half  
10 percent (1.5%) of the total grant award for the financial audit cost. The City shall make  
11 available to the County, the Controller of the State of California, Cal OES and their  
12 authorized representatives for purposes of inspection and audit, any and all of its books,  
13 papers, documents, financial and other records pertaining to the operation of this  
14 Agreement. The aforesaid records shall be available for inspection and audit during  
15 regular business hours throughout the term of this Agreement, and for a period of seven  
16 (7) years after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

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

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

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

2 The City agrees that in the event the program established hereunder is subjected  
3 to audit exceptions by appropriate County, State or Federal audit agencies, the City  
4 shall be responsible for complying with such exceptions and paying the County the full  
5 amount of the liability incurred by the County to Cal OES from such audit exceptions.

6 **12. TERMINATION AND TERMINATION COSTS:**

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

18 **13. INDEPENDENT STATUS:**

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

23 **14. ASSIGNMENT:**

24 No performance of this Agreement or any section thereof may be assigned or  
25 subcontracted by the City without the express written consent of the County, and any  
26 attempt by the City to assign or subcontract any performance of the terms of this

Agreement shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

**15. HOLD HARMLESS:**

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

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

**16. MONITORING:**

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

**17. NOTICES:**

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

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GRACE RAI, Special Assistant  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
Bureau of Administrative Services  
211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3205

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

BARAK VAUGHN, Managing Director Business, Finance, and Operations  
Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Victim Assistance Program  
200 North Main Street, 8th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4133

**18. WAIVER:**

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

**19. ALTERATION OF TERMS:**

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

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

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

shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (County)

CITY OF LOS ANGELES (City)

Office of the District Attorney

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
NATHAN J. HOCHMAN  
District Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO  
City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY  
COUNTY COUNSEL:

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY  
CITY COUNSEL:

DAWYN R. HARRISON

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
LAWRENCE GREEN  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
BARAK VAUGHN  
Deputy City Attorney