

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2025

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Jesse Wilson, District Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution authorizing the District Attorney, or their designee(s), to apply for the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Sexual Assault Forensic exam (SAFE) Hiring and Training Program for up to \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 through 2028/29, and authorizing the

execution of the Grant Agreement and subsequent documents

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: The maximum award is \$750,000 and will be distributed via reimbursement over the course of the 36-month grant period, which is anticipated to be October 1, 2025-September 30, 2028. No match is required.

BACKGROUND: The Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Hiring and Training program supports efforts to establish or expand access to pediatric and/or adult/adolescent sexual assault forensic exams by funding the salaries of full- and part-time sexual assault nurse/forensic examiners (SANEs/SAFEs) providing forensic exams or serving as a regional preceptor or as a SANE/SAFE instructor. It is funded through the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women grant programs that are authorized by the Violence Against Women Act. There is \$18,100,000 appropriated for this grant to support coordinated community responses that provide services to victims and hold offenders accountable.

The District Attorney's Office is applying for an award of \$500,000 to support staffing and program launch of the multidisciplinary Family Justice Center (FJC) that will provide co-located services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child and elder abuse. Funds will support a part-time limited term FJC Coordinator as well as a contract for services with entities within Nevada County and/or Placer County to provide part-time salaries for SANEs and SAFEs who can provide forensic exams for victims of violence in Nevada County. A portion of the budget will be used to support didactic and clinical preparation of prospective forensic examiners and fees related to certification/credentialing and renewal as well as the purchase of medical equipment needed to conduct the exams. The enhanced sexual assault forensic exam program in Nevada County will be housed as a program within the FJC.

We are requesting:

- Approval to apply for this grant, and
- Authorization for the District Attorney, or their designee(s), to sign associated application documents required as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

We have attached the grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for reference.

If awarded, the Grant will be brought to the Board for approval.

Item Initiated by: Stephanie Fischer, FJC Coordinator/Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Jesse Wilson, District Attorney